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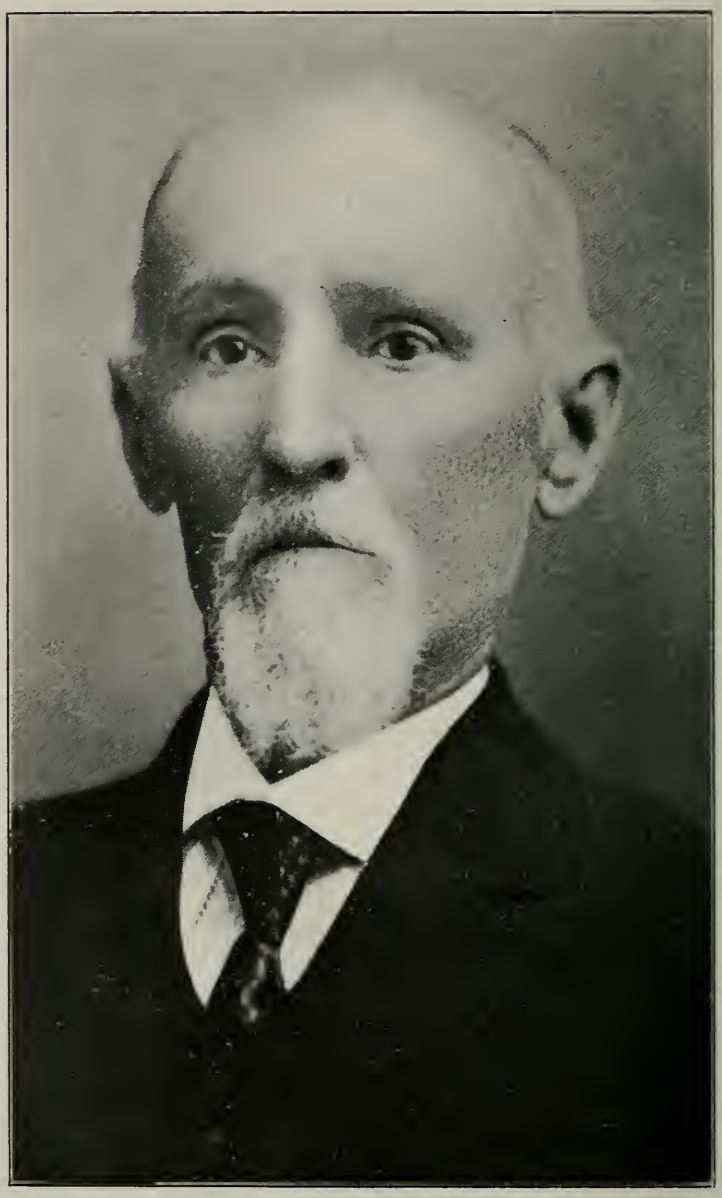

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my Grand father John. P. Shirk.
& Great-Grand... John Shirk Born Canton Stark Co Ohio
my Grand ma Sarah Regestr
M G. .. .. Cathrine Friedman

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of. Abraham Lincoln Shirk & Anna Nell Daykins

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PREFACE

In October, 1912, I was visiting my old native home in Lancaster County, Pa. In looking over the Steinmetz Cemetery at Schoeneck, Pa., I found the inscriptions on the various tombstones of our ancestors interred there many years ago, and I felt a great desire to have a genealogy of our ancestry, and made the remark to a niece of mine, "I wish some one would write a genealogy of the Shirk family." In reply she said, "Uncle Henry, no one could do that better than you."

Upon these encouraging words, having decided upon the undertaking, it was begun with a firm and confident determination to spare no effort or expense to effectually accomplish the great task of connecting the ten generations of the Shirk family, from 1665 to 1914.

My dear and respected kindred of the present and future generations, I have taken great pains in diligently gathering the data of the many different branches of the family tree of the Ulrich and Anna Swar Shirk descendants, in the belief and hope that my effort in compiling this book correctly will be appreciated and prove of interest to the present and future generations of the Shirk family.

H. Y. SHIRK.

THE SHIRK FAMILY HISTORY

Ulrich Shirk (I.) was born in January, 1665, in the Canton of Berne, Switzerland. He took up his abode later in Basle, where he married Helene Myer, a peasant girl of French and Swiss ancestry. This union was blessed with the following eight children: Ulrich (II.), Michael, John, Casper, Joseph, Peter, Martha, and Jeannette.

This family had grown to maturrity and ambition when the six sons became eager to reap the benefits open to all Europe to emigrate to America, which occurred in the year A. D. 1729, when the six brothers brought their aged parents and two sisters with them, and settled in about 1732 in Lancaster county, Pa., and there took out patents for more than 2,000 acres of land.

Ulrich Shirk (II.), the oldest of the six brothers, and also the ancestor of this genealogy, was born August 20, 1704, in the Canton of Basle, Switzerland; died 1786, aged 59 years, leaving a widow and ten children—three sons and seven daughters, viz.: Ulrich (III.), David, Michael, Elizabeth, Barbara, Anna, Kate, Magdalena, Sally, and Mariah. The widow's maiden name was Anna Swar, daughter of Jacob and Adaline Swar. She was born near "Hickorytown," which is now Lancaster, in the year A.

D. 1720; died 1810, arriving at the great age of 90 years, remaining a widow 47 years.

In Patent Book A. A., vol. 6, page 23, in the office of the surveyor general at Harrisburg, Pa., we find under the original patents issued by Thomas and Richard Penn, proprietories and governors in chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, a tract of land containing 357 acres in Cocalico township, Lancaster county, Pa., where this family resided with his parents until their death. They both were buried in the Conestoga cemetery in Conestoga Valley. These people brought with them from Europe thrift, honesty, frugality, economy, and the Mennonite faith of creed in their religion, which faith has been continued by a number of the Shirk family to this present time in Lancaster county, Pa., where we may see them attending the Lancaster market, wearing the familiar neat and unassuming plain garb of that church. Of those Shirks who emigrated to the west many have taken up with various other denominations, and as we find them all of an honest and pious disposition, we feel proud of them, and by their assistance will try to do them all justice in this narrative.

PATENT OF CONFIRMATION

Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, the true and absolute proprietors and governors in chief the Province of Pennsylvania and Counties of New Castle and Sussex on Delaware.

To all unto whom these presents shall come; Greeting:

Whereas, in pursuance of a warrant under the seal of our Land Office, dated the seventh day of April, 1735, there was surveyed unto Ulrich Shirk a certain tract of land situate in Cocalico township, in the county of Lancaster;

Beginning at a post a corner of Peter Sherrick's land, thence extending by the same the eight courses and distances following, viz: North thirty degrees east, forty-two perches, to a post north thirty-four degrees east sixty perches, north ten degrees east forty-six perches to a post. North thirty-five degrees east seventy-four perches, to a marked elm tree, north six degrees east thirty perches to a marked Spanish oak, north three degrees east one hundred and thirty perches to a post, north five degrees east seventy perches to a marked black oak and north forty degrees, east two hundred and fourteen perches to a marked black oak, thence by vacant land west by south ninety-four

perches to a marked white oak, and south-west by west one hundred and twenty perches to a post, thence by land of Christian Settlers and vacant land south, south-west four hundred and ninety-four perches to a marked oak, thence by vacant land east, south-east one hundred and thirty-four perches to the place of beginning. Containing three hundred and fifty-seven acres, and allowance of six acres per cent. for roads and highways as in and by the said warrant and survey remaining in the surveyor general's office and from thence certified into our secretary's office appears, and whereas the said Ulrich Shirk in and by his last will and testament bearing date the second day of September, 1736, did order and direct that his executors therein named, to-wit: Abraham Brubaker, John Shirk and Benedict Bucher, should out of his personal estate clear his the said testator's land in the land office, and that a patent for the said land should be made to them his said executors in trust for his three sons, namely: Ulrich Shirk, David Shirk and Michael Shirk, and their heirs and assigns to be divided among them in three equal parts according to the number of acres in manner therein directed charged as therein expressed and reserving to his said testator's widow her residence thereon during her widhood and the said executors and survivors to make lawful deeds to each of the said three sons for their shares accordingly as in and by the said will duly proved and remaining in the register's office at Lancaster more fully appears, and whereas the said

executors have accordingly out of the said testator's personal eastate paid off our purchase money, interest and arrears of quit rent for the said tract, and have now humbly besought us to grant them our Patent Confirmation for the same in trust, as aforesaid, now know ye, that in consideration of the premises and of the sum of one hundred and eighty-six pounds four shilling and eleven pence lawful money of Pennsylvania, to us paid by the said Abraham Brubaker, John Shirk and Benedict Bucher (The receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge and thereof do acquit and forever discharge the said Abraham Brubaker, John Shirk and Benedict Bucher their heirs and assigns by these presents) and of the yearly quit rent hereafter mentioned and reserved.

We have given granted and released and confirmed, and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do give grant release and confirm unto the said Abraham Brubaker, John Shirk and Benedict Bucher their heirs and assigns all the said tract of three hundred fifty-seven acres of land herein before described as the same are now set forth bounded and located as aforesaid with all mines numerals quarries, meadows marshes savanahs swamps cripples woods underwood, timber and trees, ways waters watercourses liberties profits commodities advantages heritaments and appurtenances whatever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and lying within the bounds and limits aforesaid. Three full and clear fifth parts of all

Royal Mines free from all deduction and reprisals for digging and refining the same and also one-fifth part of the ore of all other mines delivered at the pits. Mouth only accepted are hereby reserved, and also free leave right and liberty, to and for the said Abraham Brubaker, John Shirk and Benedict Bucher their heirs and assigns to hawk, hunt fish and fowl in and upon the hereby granted land and premises or any part thereof, to have and to hold the said three hundred and fifty-seven acre tract of land and premises hereby granted with appurtenances unto the said Abraham Brubaker, John Shirk and Benedict Bucher their heirs and assigns, In Trust heirs nevertheless to and for the use of the widow and all the children of the Testator in manner in the said Will, limited ordered directed and appointed to be holden be fully paid and discharged.

Witness John Penn, Esq.

Lieutenant Governor of said Province who by virtue of certain powers and authorities to him for this purpose interalia granted by the said proprietories hath hereunto set his hand and caused the great seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed at Philadelphia this fifteenth day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-four. The fourth year of the reign of King George the third over Great Britain, Etc.

And the fourty-sixth year of the said Proprietories Government.

John Penn [L. S.]

Recorded ye 14 November 1754.

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Patent as found recorded in Patent Book A.A. Vol 6 Page 23 &c. remaining in the Office of the Surveyor General of Pennsylvania.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of said Office to be affixed at Harrisburg this 30th day of June A. D. 1874.

N. C. WILSON for
Robt. B. Beath, Surveyor General.

[Surveyor General Office Pennsylvania]

Ulrich Shirk's Will and Last Testament

Sept. 2nd, 1763.

In the name of God Amen:

I, Ulrich Shirk, being weak in body but sound in mind and memory, thanks be unto God. Considering the mortality of my body, do make herewith my last will and testament in manner as followeth:

I ordain that my beloved wife as long as she continues a widow, shall have the direction of my family in the same manner as I have now. My children shall be to her command until their age, and my daughters shall not have their portion until my youngest son is come to his age, but then my wife shall not charge any of my children for their education and shall further: What gain she makes on said land in that time be bound to divide the same between her and them of my children which

did assist her in maintaining the family she taking one half and said children the other.

Further I ordain that when my youngest son is come to his age: My personal Estate shall be divided between all my heirs in equal shares and none of my heirs shall have any prerogative before the others and my wife giving good security for her remaining a widow during her natural life shall besides her due out of said estate have a portion, as any of my other heirs, and shall further have instead of her third part of the income of my land, from each of my sons a year thereafter he hath taken possession of his share of land and that during her natural life, the interest lawful from sixty-seven pounds money of Pennsylvania which principal sum arising from my land shall not be divided among my heirs until after my wife's death.—

All my land shall be cleared in the land office out of my personal estate and a Patentt shall be drawn upon my three Executors hereafter mentioned as in trust for the use of my three sons, their heirs and assigns and when my eldest son has come to his age, then by four arbiters chosen from the congregation of the Mennonites indifferently, by my sons or their guardians. My land shall be divided into three equal parts according to the number of acres, and each third part shall be valued by them and my wife shall be free to give him of my sons which did deserve the best her favor that part of my land whereon the buildings are but she shall have her residence there during all the time of her

widowhood, and if my wife shall die before that time my land shall be divided by lots.—

Each of my sons having obtained his age, shall when he giveth sufficient security for the money allotted to him to be paid by him for his said share take possession of his said share of land, and then one of my Executors by name John Shirk or in case he should die before that time any of the two others. Or the two others shall sign a good lawfull Deed to the said my sons their heirs and assigns and his Deed shall be acknowledged as done by myself. I further ordain that any of my sons so taking possession of his share of land, shall pay every immediately following year after he has taken possession of said land of that sum allotted to be paid by him for said share the sum of thirty pounds, but he that gets the buildings in his possession shall pay forty pounds until each has entirely satisfied for his due, two hundred pounds excepted, being laid up on interest for my wife's use as aforesaid.—

To my daughter Anna I bequeathe a legacy of twenty pounds money aforesaid, to be paid unto her at first opportunity.

Further I ordain that my beloved wife marrying again, shall have no more of estate but her third according to law, and I further ordain that my Executors shall have full power to redress anything done or to be done on said my plantation tending to her damage ruin or destruction.—

Finally I ordain and constitute Executors of this my last will and testament, my three loving friends

Abraham Brubaker, John Shirk and Benedict Bucher.—

In witness whereof I have to these presents set my hand and seal this second day of September, 1763. ULRICH SCHIRCK [Seal]

Signed sealed and acknowledged by the Testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of us underwritten witnesses who saw him sign and seal the same.

PETER SCHERICK his
JACOB BICKSLER o
CHRISTIAN NEUCOMET mark

State of Pennsylvania } S. S.
County of Lancaster }
[Seal of Register's Office of Lancaster County]

I Jeremiah Rohrer register of Wills Etc. in and for said County do hereby certify that the preceding to be a true copy of the original will of Ulrich Schirck deceased as duly proven according to law on the 12th day of November A. D. 1763—and remaining filed of record in the register office of said County.

Given under my hand and seal of office at the City of Lancaster the 3rd day of November, A. D. 1874. J. ROHRER Register
Per B. Bauman, Deputy Register.

A complete copy of the original will of Ulrich Scherck Sept. 2nd, 1763. The original copy in possession of Dr. D. E. Shirk, Mountain Grove, Mo.

DESCENDANTS OF ULRICH SHIRK III.

Ulrich Shirk (III.), the eldest of Ulrich (II.) and Anna (Swar) Shirk, was born near Schoeneck, Cocalico township, Lancaster county, Pa., May 16, 1751; died May 14, 1842, aged 91 years. He was married to Mariah Eberly, who was born December 20, 1759, died June 26, 1831.

To their union were born twelve children—seven sons and five daughters, viz.: Mariah, born 1777, she never married, died 1861, aged 84 years; John, Anna, David, Samuel, Catharine, Elizabeth, Ulrich (a mute), Jacob, Joseph, Peter, and Sarah. Some of this family, as will be stated, became very old.

David Shirk, next in line of birth to Ulrich (II.) and Anna (Swar Shirk, was born 1753, and married Barbara Erb. They moved south, where all traces of their descendants are lost in obscurity.

Michael Shirk, a son of Ulrich (II.) and Anna (Swar) Shirk, born May 26, 1758, died April 4, 1827. His descendants are given later of this family.

Elizabeth Shirk, daughter of Ulrich (II.) and Anna (Swar) Shirk, married John Funck; Barbara married John Yeagy; Anna married Jacob Frantz;

Kate married Joseph Baer; Magdalena married David Gockley; Sally married Adam Frantz; and Mariah married George Frantz. Descendants of those marriages are quite numerous all over the United States, but not being of the Shirk name, were not in their lineage easily traced to our present generation.

We will now take up and continue to the present generation the descendants of Ulrich (III.) and Mariah Eberley Shirk as follows:

John Shirk, the first son and second child of Ulrich and Mariah (Eberley) Shirk, was born on the farm owned by his father near Schoeneck, Pa., in the year A. D. 1779. John was the first one to die out of this family, after being twice married and leaving a wife and nine children, his first wife being the mother of these children. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Hacker. After she died, he married Mrs. Susan (Wieland) Bentz; no issue of this last union. The family of the first marriage consisted of the following: Samuel, Lydia, Emanuel, John, Jacob, Elias, Mary, Daniel and Elizabeth. John, the father of this family, died in 1837. Susan, his second wife, outlived him and again married John Shirk, a cousin of her former husband, better known as "Indian Town" John, of whom we will again write under the Michael Shirk branch of this book.

We will next take up John and Elizabeth (Hacker) Shirk's eldest son's descendents.

Samuel Shirk was born in Lancaster county, Pa., February 10, 1802, where he also was reared on his father's farm, when he united in marriage to Miss Susana Baker, she being born and reared in the same county. Her birth occurred August 12, 1804. To this union were born eleven children—seven sons and four daughters: Levi B., Susan, Samuel B., Jacob, Martin, John, Amanda, Elias, and Lydia; all living to maturity, except Jacob, who died after their removal to Ohio, at the age of fifteen years.

In the spring of 1845 he moved from Lancaster county, Pa., to Stark county, Ohio. Having sold his farm the previous autumn in Pennsylvania, and during the same winter went to Ohio and bought of George Lininger one of the finest and best located as well as most productive farms in Stark county, being pleasantly located nearly midway between Louisville and Canton, the place being the well-known "Bull Barn" farm. This was a large bank barn facing east, and on the north gable adjoining the public road was the picture of two life-size bulls in the attitude of an approaching combat.

With several of his neighbors and friends of his former home in Lancaster county, Pa., he started to this beautiful home in Stark county, Ohio, with their families and part of their household goods loaded on large covered wagons of the colonial style (railroads not being in commission then west of the Allegheny mountains). This move required about twenty or thirty days, connected with many priva-

tions and hardships, crossing the mountains to the then far west, which at this present age would be considered only a trifle. They took up their abode on this 160 acre farm of rich and fertile soil, and prospered. He soon acquired two more farms, when death invaded this happy and prosperous family. First, by taking away their son, Jacob, in 1849, aged fifteen years. November 26, 1853, the mother of this family was called to her eternal home, leaving the bereaved father alone to care for his family, when in a few years he married his second wife, Catharine Klingaman of Stark county, Ohio. To this union was born only one child. Lizzie Shirk was born Nov. 18. 1857. She married in Canton, O., Constand Hena, a native of Baden, Germany, born May 22, 1855. To them was born an only child, Warren W., December 15, 1875, died May 16, 1894.

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Levi B. Shirk, the first born of Samuel and Susanna (Baker) Shirk was born in West Cocalico township, Lancaster county, Pa., September 20, 1824, united in marriage to Rachael Lichtenwalter, of Osnaburg township, Stark county, born April 24, 1833, died January 13, 1891, aged 57 years. Levi B. died on his farm near Osnaburg, Ohio, November 12, 1858, aged 34 years. Levi B. and Rachael were the parents of six children: Jacob L., born May 10, 1850; Benjamin F., February 6, 1852; Malinda, October 8, 1853; Susan August 31, 1855; Harvey L., December 8, 1853; Levi, May 28, 1858.

Jacob L. Shirk, the first born of Levi and Rach-

Jacob L Shirk

ael Shirk's children, married at Melmore, Seneca Co., Ohio, Oct. 12, 1874 to Miss Katherine Shirk a daughter of Elias and Polly (Eberly) Shirk of "Broken Sword," Crawford Co., Ohio. To their union were born seven children, Lula A., Dec. 8, 1879, Edna M., Nov. 8, 1883, died July 21, 1904. Percy J., born Feb. 16, 1888, Flossie A., Jan. 1, 1890, died March 15, 1900, Herbert L. born Jan. 17, 1893.

Lula A. married Rev. Walter T. Hinzman of Cleveland Ohio, July 3, 1900. Born to this union Alvin T. at Cleveland, Ohio, March 16, 1902. Wade MC. at Salem, Mich., Feb. 28, 1906, Paul R., May 23, 1913.

Norman Shirk married Miss Elizabeth Bartels in Cleveland Ohio, Oct. 26, 1907. Born to them Gladys E. in Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 13, 1907.

Lotta M. Shirk married Ora F. Sponseller, Aug. 27, 1902. Mr. Sponseller was born in Seneca Co., Ohio, May 7, 1879. To their marriage were born Chester J. in Crawford Co., Ohio, May 27, 1903. Charles Harold born same place Sept. 17, 1905, Russel Dale born same place Oct. 29, 1907, Helen Cordelia born March 17, 1910, William Frederick born Feb. 14, 1912.

Percy J. Shirk married, one son born, Leroy, Aug. 13, 1913.

Benjamin F. Shirk, second son of Levi B. and Rachael Shirk, married Miss Henrietta J. Lotz, daughter of Adam and Catherine Lotz, who was

born in Carroll Co., Ohio, April 8, 1857. Married Nov. 20, 1879, by J. J. Leberman, pastor of Reformed Church, Louisville, Ohio. To their union were born five children, Eva May, born Osnaburg Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, Dec. 22, 1880, Charles L. born Sept. 7, 1882, Maude L. born Dec. 4, 1884. Rachel C. born June 26, 1888, Canton Ohio, died May 4, 1902. Adam Franklin, born Canton, Ohio, May 20, 1893.

Eva May Shirk married Charles C. Peebles. He was born Berea Ohio, June 7, 1878. To them are born two children—William Franklin, born in Canton, Ohio, July 9, 1902, Elizabeth Lucretia, born Jan. 10, 1907, Canton, Ohio. B. Frank Shirk, the father of those descendants is engaged in the Meat Market trade in Canton Ohio, for a number of years.

Kagey

Malinda, daughter of Levi B., and Rachel Shirk, married Daniel Kagey, son of Abraham and Miss (Snyder) Kagey, of Stark Co. Ohio, who was born Feb. 14th, 1847, died March 2nd 1895, aged 48 years, 16 days. Married Jan. 29, 1872, by Peter Herbruck, Canton, Ohio. This union was blessed with five children: Clarence Calvin was born in Louisville, Ohio, Feb. 3, 1873. Mabel Gertrude, was born in Nimashillin Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, March 3, 1875. Franklin Elmer, born in Nimashllin Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, Jan. 22, 1877, died Sept. 6, 1878, aged I year, 7 months and 15 days. Richard Garfield, born Oct. 17, 1885, Leroy Harrison, born Osnaburg Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, May 3, 1880. Died Oct. 20, 1912, aged 24 years, five months and 17 days.

Kagey

Mabel Gertrude Kagey, daughter of Daniel and Malinda (Shirk) Kagey, married Alison B. Horst, son of Martin and Mrs. Horst. He was born Canton Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, Sept. 23, 1873. To them were born three children, Lloyd M., born Canton Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, April 20th, 1897. Agnes B., born Aug., 26th, 1898, Paul R., born Sept., 23rd, 1900.

Clarence Calvin Kagey, son of Malinda and Daniel Kagey, married Miss Ada M. Coder, born Osnaburg Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, Aug. 18th, 1875, were married in Louisville, Ohio, Nov. 26th, 1895, by Rev. J. J. Leberman.

To them were born three children, William Leland, born Osnaburg Twp., Stark Co., Aug. 25, 1897, Beulah M. Kagey, born Aug. 4, 1898, died July 27, 1899. Annetta Arline Kagey, born Jan. 9th, 1905.

Susan Shirk, daughter of Levi and Rachel Shirk married June 7th, 1875 to Joseph Warren Rohrer. He was born Aug. 24th, 1848. Their union was blessed with nine children: Edith Belle, born March 22nd, 1874, Roswell M. born July 13th, 1875. Elizabeth, born Sept. 1st, 1877. Rachael Genette, born Feb. 7th, 1880. Joseph Warren. Jr., born July 4, 1882. Benjamin Franklin, born Feb. 24th, 1885. Susan Lewenna, born April 30th, 1887, John Alvin, born Sept. 22nd, 1889. Estella Hazel, born March 24th, 1893.

Joseph Warren Rohrer, Jr., married Sept. 30th, 1908 to Rose L. Rubin, born Nov. 17, 1881.

Their children born to them are: Pauline Edith Rohrer, born Aug. 13, 1909. Josephine Louisa Rohrer, born June 13, 1911.

Roswell M. Rohrer married Oct. 7, 1908 to Alta Leone Watson, born July 29, 1886, Benjamin Franklin Rohrer married Nov. 20, 1912, to Lula May Bayard, born July 1, 1887. Edith Belle Rohrer married June 5, 1901, to Wm. R. Tilton, born March 2, 1859. Their children, Daniel Monroe Tilton, born Sept. 26, 1905, William Harold Tilton, born Apr. 26, 1908, Rachael Genette Rohrer, married June 3, 1903, to Edward Arnold Rubin, born March 28, 1879. Their children are: Estella Rachael Rubin, born May 13, 1904, Russell Rohrer Rubin, born Oct. 23, 1906. Hazel Mayetta Rubin, born April 16, 1909, Joseph Edward Rubin, born March 11, 1912.

Elizabeth Rohrer, married Oct. 6, 1897, to Alban Koons Gibbs, born Sept. 23, 1871. Children of same, Donald Ralph Gibbs, born July 8, 1898. Edith Evangeline, born May 23, 1900. Helen Genette, born June 7th, 1901. Jesse Marcella born Jan. 5, 1909, Wade Allan, Oct. 15, 1912.

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Harvey L. Shirk, the 5th child and third son of Levi B. and Rachael Shirk, married Miss Cora H. Criswell, daughter of Gregory and Sarah Criswell, born in Osnaburg Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, Feb. 8, 1860. To them were born four sons: Ray Gregory was born in Louisville, Stark Co., Ohio, June 11,

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1890. Now a student at Yale College, New Haven, Conn. (1914). Donald Criswell was born Nov. 28, 1892. A natural musician, an expert on the piano. Wade Tecumseh, born Feb. 26, 1895. Bernard Harvey was born May 25, 1897. The two youngest are both attending High School at Louisville, Ohio.

Harvey L. Shirk is the owner of a fine residence where he resides near the corporation of Louisville, on the Canton and Louisville road where he raised his family to usefulness and honor. Mr. Shirk is interested in selling high grade rubber goods, physicians supplies and scientific surgical specialties. In his younger days had been teaching school for many years both in his native state and in the state of Indiana, and is generally known for his sterling and worth of character and integrity.

— Levi Shirk, the sixth child and fourth son of Levi B. and Rachael Shirk, married Miss Laura A. Kuhlman, daughter of Solomon and Leah (Keller) Kuhlman, born near Canton, Ohio, Sept. 7, 1857, married in Louisville, Stark Co. Ohio, by Rev. Josiah Keim, May 29, 1880. To them were born three sons, Robert Blaine, born in Osnaburg Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, Jan. 23, 1884. A graduate from Mt. Union College. Harry L., born Aug. 23 ,1887, died Feb. 7, 1893, aged five years, five months, 14 days. Buried Union Cemetery, Louisville, Ohio. Paul Kuhlman was born in Nimashillin Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, July 25, 1894. Levi Shirk in engaged in farming and dealing in stock and has for many

which Feb 2, 59 II Levi

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years been an important factor in Stark County's agricultural and financial interests.

Rachael Shirk, after remaining a widow four years and struggling along with her family of six children on a farm, the children all being small and of little help to their mother, she again married, to John Brendle and to them was born one daughter, Joanna, Sept. 26, 1862. Joanna Brendle married John Henry Henninger. Mr. Henninger was born near Louisville, Stark County, Apr. 20, 1859. They were united in marriage by Rev. J. J. Leberman, Louisville, Ohio, Sept. 12, 1880. To them were born three children: Howard L. born near Louisville, Ohio, March 3, 1886. Etta Agnes born July 21, 1887. Lawrence Glen born Jan. 29, 1892.

Etta Agnes married Oliver J. Snyder who was born in Nimashillin Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, June 11, 1881, were married by Rev. G. M. Schmucker, in Canton, Ohio, April 12, 1905. To them were born two children: George Dale, born in Nimashillin Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, June 8, 1906. Died Aug. 30, 1906. Mildred Evelyn, born Canton, Ohio, Aug. 26, 1908.

Note:—Not wishing to disagree or deviate in our narrative of the Shirk family but as the mother of Joanna Brendle, also was the mother of the Levi B. Shirk children, will entitle them to the record of her and her descendents in this narrative of the Shirk family.

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Leah Shirk, daughter of Samuel and Susana (Baker) Shirk was born Feb. 27, 1827, in West Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., and in 1845 came with her parents to Stark Co., Ohio. Married Levi Baker. He was born June 18, 1830. Their children born to them: Matilda, born June 3, 1846. Died June 14, 1911. Married George Wagoner. To them were born six children, four dead, two living. James Wagoner born Nov 18, 1866. Married Frances Marsh, Nov. 1, 1887. To them were born two children, Alta Wagoner, born August 16, 1888. Was married to Julius Herman, June 3, 1908. One child was born to them, Wilma Herman, May 4, 1909. Only great, great grand-child of Leah (Shirk) Baker, who is yet living at the great age of 86 years. Arda Wagoner, born Sept. 4, 1890, was married to Fred E. Henning, Dec. 25, 1912.

Laura Wagoner, born Sept. 9, 1868. Married Julius Truman, Oct. 12, 1889. To them were born Verna, Nov. 11, 1891. Mabel Truman, May 19, 1899.

Elmira Baker was born June 5, 1862; died. Cora L. Baker (Kellar) was born FeFb. 26, 1865. Henry Baker born March 19, 1868.

Harvey E. Baker was born Sept. 24, 1870. Mary Baker married Abraham Harr. To them were born two children: Ella Harr, born ....., married John Haas. Died April 24, 1898. Romeyn Haar was born June 24, 1883.

Cora L. Baker married Fred B. Keller. To them were born Alvin D. Keller, May 3, 1894. Chester R.

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March 13, 1897. Carl W. Keller, Jan. 24, 1900. Edna M. Keller, Sept. 15, 1905.

Harvey Baker married Louisa Kepler. To them were born Lewis and Arthur.

Susan Baker, daughter of Levi and Leah Baker, born Nov. 19, 1850. Married John D. Weaver. He was born Jan. 29, 1842. To them were born ten children: Charley M. July 1, 1866. George Sidney, Sept. 24, 1870. Ezra, Sept. 18, 1875. Cyrus, May 20, 1877, Erwin E. May 19, 1879. Ida A. Jan. 28, 1881. Cora A. Sept. 12, 1883. P. Edson, Nov. 7, 185. Oren C. May 28, 1887. Laura A. April 1, 1890. Their address is Walbridge, Ohio.

Henry B. Shirk, son of Samuel and Susana (Baker) Shirk, was born July 12, 1829, in Lancaster Co., Pa., and came to Stark Co., Ohio with his parents, 1845 where he married Miss Mary Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Snyder of Plain Twp., Stark Twp., Stark Co., Ohio. Mary Snyder was born Feb. 26, 1831.

To this union were born in Stark Co., Ohio, Sam Manias, May 7, 1856, Lydia Ann, Oct. 16, 1857. George E. Dec. 5, 1859, Susana, April 18, 1861; Died Sept. 20, 1861. 1862 they moved to Elkhart Co., Ind., where the following children were born: John Henry, July 24, 1863; died Sept. 18, 1865, aged two years, one month, 25 days. Charles W. Feb. 1, 1866. Peach, Feb. 27, 1869. Ira, Aug. 12, 1871. Jennie, Dec. 12, 1873.

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Sam Manias married Eva Kline, April 26, 1888. To them was born one child, Lena, Jan. 25, 1892. She mtarried Roy Stouder, July 6, 1912. Roy was born March 10, 1892, in Elkhart Co., Ind. Mrs. Shirk died Jan. 25 1910.

Lydia Ann Shirk was married to Moses B. Cripe, Nov. 18, 1880. To them were born two children, Minnie E., born Feb. 16, 1883 at Goshen, Ind. Married Marion Miller, Nov. 10, 1900. Mr. Miller was born in New Paris, Ind., May 4, 1878. To this union were born five children: Russell, Sept. 11, 1901. Noble, Aug. 26, 1903. Both born at Goshen. Harold, Oct. 4, 1905, at Waterfored Mills, Ind., Clara Ethel, Aug. 19, 1909. Raymond, Nov. 14, 1911. The last two being born in Ward Co., North Dakota.

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Clara Cripe, born Nov. 9, 1884, at Waterford Mills. Married William Fleck June 8, 1904. To them were born: Wilber M. Aug. 10, 1905. Wellington H., April 29, 1911, at Goshen, Ind.

Charles W. Shirk married Miss Mattie ..... in Oklahoma, where he died in 1914, interred at Goshen, Ind. Jennie Shirk married Jan. 26, 1910 to Frank Bihlmeier, Indianapolis, Ind.

Henry B. Shirk died on his farm, Waterford Mills, Ind., Jan. 13, 1903, aged 73 years, six months, one day. Mary, his wife died April 6 1905, aged 74 years, one month, 11 days.

Susan Shirk, daughter of Samuel and Susana (Baker) Shirk was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., Dec.

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25, 1831, came to Stark Co., Ohio, 1845, where she married George Apple, a carpenter by trade. He was born July 29, 1826 in Lancaster Co., Pa. They were married Dec. 14, 1851.

To this union were born six children: Monroe S. born Aug. 29, 1856. Ellen, Dec. 26, 1858, Harvey S. born May 4, 1862. Alice, Dec, 5, 1864; Henry July 13, 1869. Adaline Apple married Aug. 29, 1875 to Moses Van Scoick, who was born Dec. 26, 1863. To them were born six children: Clara, Ang. 11, 1876; Charles, Nov. 11, 1878, married Trustine Simons, who was born Aug. 17, 1885. To them were born Mary Ethel, Aug. 20, 1905; Charles Berlin, Oct. 7, 1906, Robert Ernest, Aug. 28, 1911.

Ella Van Scoick was born Dec. 24, 1880. Married Samuel Bigler, who was born Aug. 26, 1880. To them five children were born: Carl, May 9, 1902; Mabel, Ang. 20, 1904; Merl, Dec. 18, 1906; Melvin, March 13, 1909; Claude, Feb. 5, 1912.

Alice Van Scoick, born Feb. 5, 1883. Lulu Van Scoick, April 24, 1885. Married Vernon Yoder who was born Aug. 4, 1884. They were the parents of three children: Ray, born Nov. 17, 1906; Lulu Merle, May 5, 1909; Clyde Romyn, Nov. 12, 1911; married Martin Hoover, Feb. 22, 1890. Florence was born Feb. 12, 1891; Myrtle, June 1892; Martin July 16, 1896. Raymond, Dec. 8. 1897. Alice Apple married Amos Blosser.

To them were born: Sadie, March 29, 1884.

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Dora A., April 4, 1886; Asher A. Feb. 28, 1891; Sadie Blosser married Abram S. Shelly, July 5, 1908. To them one child was born, Marion B. Apr. 14, 1910. Dora Blosser married Madge M. Chatten, Oct. 14, 1911.

Henry Apple married Rebecca Ganger, Sept. 21, 1891. To them were born Flossie, July 1892; George, June 1894. Florence ....; Howard, Dec. 1906. Minnie Apple married Dr. D. W. Singer, June 16, 1905.

George Apple died Dec. 13, 1904, aged 78 years, four months, 15 days. Susan Shirk Apple's address is Goshen, Ind.

Samuel B. Shirk, son of Samuel and Susana Baker Shirk, born March 27, 1834, in Lancaster Co., Pa. With his parents in 1845 came to Stark Co., Ohio. After becoming of age, he went west and there married Miss Barbara Good. She was born Jan. 28, 1835. Married Nov. 11, 1855. To this union were born: Maria, Nov. 4, 1856, died in infancy; Madessa, born March 11, 1858; David G. born March 27, 1861; Anna, born April 5, 1863.

Madessa married Joseph Eshleman, Aug. 31, died Nov. 3, 1904. To them were born three daughters, Alverna Viola, born June 19, 1882. Died Sept. 22, 1893. Eva Leora, born Feb. 15, 1884. Iva Lenora, born Feb. 15, 1885. Iva married Harvey Hickerson, Dec. 25, 1907. To them were born Earl Hickerson, Dec. 25, 1908; died Feb. 8, 1909. Eva

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Eshleman married Peter Gingrass, Dec. 22, 1909. To them were born Harold Gingrass, Feb. 24, 1912; Good

David G. Shirk, son of Samuel B. and Barbara Shirk, married Nancy Breckbill, Dec. 4, 1883. To them being born six children, three sons and three daughters.

Maude Shirk, daughter of David and Nancy Shirk, born Oct. 18, 1884. Married Everett Jones, Apr. 29, 1908. To them was born a son, Lawrence Duane, Jan. 19, 1913. Roy Shirk, a son of D. and N. Shirk, born Aug. 24, 1886; Earl Shirk, born Dec. 27, 1890. Effie, born May 20, 1894; died Nov. 1, 1901. Mabel, born Oct. 20, 1896; Carl, born March 15, 1902.

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Anna Shirk, daughter of Samuel B. and Barbara Shirk, married Chauncey A. Seaman, Sept. 10, 1889, a banker in Sedgwick, Kansas. Good

Samuel B. Shirk died Oct. 26, 1911. His wife preceded him in death, dying Dec. 11, 1886.

Jacob B. Shirk, son of Samuel and Susanna (Baker) Shirk, born in Lancaster Co., Pa., with his parents in 1845, came to Stark Co., Ohio, where he died in 1849, aged 15 years. Buried at Fairhope Cemetery, Stark Co., Ohio, where also his parents rest in endless repose. None

Martin B. Shirk, a son of Samuel and Susanah Baker Shirk was born in West Cacalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., July 15, 1836. United in marriage with Catherine Royer, Aug. 24, 1855. Catherine,

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his wife, a daughter of David and iMss Longenecker Royer of Stark Co., Ohio, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., Feb. 18, 1840.

Martin served his country during the Rebellion, enlisted at the first call for volunteers in 1861 in Com. K, 19th, Ohio, later reinlisted serving throughout the rebellion and is living in Sedgewick, Kansas, where four of his children are living, there being five children born to them. The oldest, a daughter, Susan, born in Stark Co., Ohio, Feb. 5, 1857; married Evart Takken Nov. 27, 1881 and are living in Michigan. Harry Takken, their son, born July 26, 1883, married Selma Brown, Dec. 2, 1901. Bernice Takken, born May 30, 1886; married Bernard Rottschaefer, a missionary located in India, Nov. 24, 1910. Russel Takken born Sept. 9, 1889.

Amos Shirk, son of M. B. and Catherine Shirk, born Feb. 14, 1866; married June 5, 1892 to Sarah Jingley. Amos died May 14, 1901, left three children: Ethel, born Jan. 2, 1893, married Harry Siebold, Sept. 21, 1910; Ralph, born Sept. 18, 1894; Amos, Jr., born March 9, 1899.

Mary Shirk, daughter of M. B. and Catherine Shirk, born May 19, 1869. Married Howard Quigley, Dec. 28, 1892. They are the parents of three children: Clyde, born Oct. 16, 1893; died June 25, 1901. Guy, born Jan. 26, 1896; Catherine, born Dec. 9, 1904.

Harvey Shirk, son of M. B. and Catherine Shirk,

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born June 18, 1873; married Minnie Coffman, Feb. 10, 1897. Minnie, Harvey's wife, died July 12, 1904. Harvey again married Dec. 1908, to Esther Beal. Harvey and his first wife, Minnie Coffman Shirk, are the parents of one child, Andrew, born March 13, 1903.

Oscar Shirk, son of M. B. and Catherine Shirk, born Sept. 25, 1875; married Bessie Swinford, Mch. 10, 1898. To them were born two children: Earl, born July 21, 1899; died Dec. 3, 1899. Bessie Louist, born May 21, 1904.

Martin and his wife Catherine, are living in Sedgewick, Kansas.

John B. Shirk, a son of Samuel and Susana Shirk was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., July 15, 1836. Married three times in Michigan. His first marriage being to Nancy Williams, 1868; three children were born to them: Frank, Dec. 27, 1869; Belle, April 5, 1872; Willie, Oct. 6, 1875; died Feb. 1876. Nancy, his wife, died Oct. 8, 1875. His second marriage being to Lucetta Knickerbocker. One child was born to them, Edith, was born March 8, 1877. Lucetta, his second wife died March 12, 1881. His third marriage was to Lizzie Wood, Dec, 1881.

Frank Shirk, a son of his first marriage, was married, having two sons. Belle Shirk married and was the mother of eight children. Edith Shirk married and is the mother of one child.

John died Feb. 29, 1884.

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Amanda Shirk, daughter of Samuel and Susanna Baker Shirk, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., June 8, 1841. At the age of four years old she came with her parents in 1845 to Starke Co., Ohio, where she, in 1859, married James L. Smith, formerly from Dauphin Co., Pa., and by trade a carpenter. To this union were born nine children: the first dying in infancy; Isaiah, born Oct. 1863; Elmer, Dec. 20, 1865; Harrison, Sept. 6, 1867; Alice, Aug. 4, 1869; Ruben, March 11, 1871; Ida Maude, Nov. 1, 1873; Ellen E., Jan. 31, 1875; Minnie, Aug. 16, 1877.

Isaiah Smith, married Mary Ann Patterson, Nov. 1, 1885. To them were born five children: George, Sept. 15, 1886; Clara, Sept. 23, 1888; Ralph Russel and one child died in infancy.

Alice Smith married Frank Yarde, Sept. 23, 1886. To them were born four children: Jay, Roy, Ida May and John Ray.

Reuben Smith married Anna Sherman Dec. 25, 1899. To them were born four children: Daryl, Orley, Esmond Lynford Keith and Kenneth. Ida Smith married Elmer Grogg, Nov. 11, 1911; one child being born to them, died in infancy.

Ella married Thomas Mason March 25, 1897.

Amanda Shirk Smith died at her home near Garrett, Ind., Sept. 6, 1877. James .L Smith, her husband died May 13, 1901.

Elias B. Shirk, son of Samuel and Susana Shirk, born in Lancaster Co., Pa., 1843. Served his country in the war of the Rebellion; severely wounded at Chancellarville, Va. After being discharged from service, engaged in rafting logs on Grand River, Mich., fell in the river and drowned. He was unmarried.

Lydia Shirk, daughter of Samuel and Susanah Baker Shirk, born Aug. 23, 1848; married Peter Apple of Lancaster, Co., Pa. He was born July 28, 1845, united in marriage Dec. 19, 1869. Two children were born to this union: Clara, born Jan. 8, 1871 in Elkhart Co., Ind. Married Jacob K. Palm of Lancaster Co., Pa., Dec. 23, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Palm are the proprietors of the Junction Hotel near Lititz, Pa.

Homer Apple born in Lancaster Co., Pa., March 11, 1874. Married Ellen Plasterer, of Lancaster Co., Pa., June 25, 1896. To this union was born one daughter, Pauline, Aug. 30, 1905. Adress of Peter and Lydia Apple, Manheim, Lancaster Co., Pa.

This concludes the large branch of Samuel and Susanah Baker Shirk.

Samuel died on his farm, Oct. 10, 1861, aged 59 years, one month and 28 days. Mrs. Susanah Baker Shirk preceding in death about eight years at the age of 49 years, three months and 14 days. Both buried at Fair Hope Cemetery, Stark Co., Ohio.

Lydia Shirk, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hacker Shirk, was born in 1905; united in marriage to Samuel Schenk, also a native of Lancaster Co., Pa. He was born in 1800. To their union was born Mary, married to Jacob Hess, and to their union was born Mary, who married Nathan Brubaker; to them being born Clayton. He married Miss Becker, they are the parents of one child. Lydia Hess never married. Elizabeth married Christian Bomberger. To them were born Haydn, two daughters, (one Mary, married a Mr. Schenk), and Martin.

Samuel Hess married Frances Carpenter; they are the parents of Elzie; Warren Hess married Grace Enck. Jacob and Howard are single; Frank Hess married Clara Kline; they are the parents of Flora. Estella Hess married Curtis Withers, they have one child, Clara. Martin Hess married Ella Hacker, Salinda Hess is single.

John Shenk married Sarah Cozer, they being the parents of Dr. Samuel Shenk, they have one child, Mrs. McPherson, living in Kansas.

Susanna married Reuben Steinmetz; to them were born: Samuel, married Lizzie Miller, Grant, married Mary Snyder; Lena, married Wilson Herzog; Susanna, again married, to Jacob Gockley.

Lydia Shenk married Addison B. Hollinger. Mr. Hollinger is a retired merchant living in Lincoln, Pa., where he had been engaged a number of years in the mercantile trade, and is the President

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of Lincoln Bank, also a member of the Grand Army, his services in the Civil War entitling him to membership therein. To their union were born two children: Ulysses is the successor of his father's General Store in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., Pa. He married Miss Mamie Buch. Cora Hollinger married Daniel Steiner. They are the parents of two children, Esther and Phoebe.

Catherine Shirk, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hacker) Shirk, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., March 23, 1808; died March 6, 1885, aged 77 years, 11 months and 13 days. She was united in marriage to George Shiffler on Nov. 30, 1828. He was a son of John and Catherine (Miller) Shiffler. Born Nov. 14, 1805. Died May 13, 1871, aged 65 years, five months, 29 days. He was a farmer by occupation, spent his last years in retirement in the town of Palmyra, Lebanon Co., Pa.

To the above union were born eleven children: John, being born June 17, 1830, was a tailor by trade, died at the age of 31 years, unmarried.

Lucetta, born Jan. 28, 1832, died Dec. 22, 1910. She was married to John Fegan. They were the parents of five children: John, Mary, Frank, Simon and Harry, all had maried and are living except John is dead, also his wife, who was a Miss Heilman.

Mary married Mr. Boltz; Frank married Miss Poorman; Simon married Miss Mark; Harry married Miss Light.

5 Isaac Shiffler born Sept. 24, 1833; died in infancy. 6 Levi Shiffler, born Dec. 28, 1834, learned blacksmithing and worked at his vocation until death, which occurred March 29, 1880, aged 45 years, unmarried.

7 Edward Shiffler, born Nov. 25, 1836; died Dec. 22, 1877, aged 41 years. He was a sadler by trade. Married Mary Killinger, they being the parents of seven children. Kate married Mr. Bair; Emma married C. H. Smith, undertaker; George married (name not known); Peter married Fannie Bachman; John married Miss Hogandubler; Lucy's first marriage being to David Oakum, second marriage to George Schaefer. Mary married Harry Kunkle.

8 George Shiffler born Jan. 20, 1839; died Aug. 26, 1853, aged 14 years.

9 Harrison Shiffler, born March 6, 1841, married Susan Fetterolf; to them were born: Bertha, married to Robert Ebersole; Anna, married a Mr. Wright; Charles, Samuel and Harvey. Elmer died Oct. 23, 1868; died in infancy. Harrison, the father of this family had lived in his native town of Palmyra, Pa., a number of years, when he moved to Missouri, where he followed farming until age required of him to live in retirement, in the town of Fulton, Mo.

10 Catherine Shiffler, born April 23, 1843; died Dec. 19, 1868, aged 25 years, seven months, 26 days.

She was married to Henry Early; to them were born three children; Emma and Charles both dead, William is the only one surviving.

10 Henry Shiffler born Jan 24, 1845; died Sept. 10, 1853, aged eight years.

11 Lizzie Shiffler born Nov. 21, 1846; united in marriage to A. H. Fernsler; he by occupation being a tailor, followed the trade for himself thirty-three years, and is at present time employed in the same vocation by the Hershey Store Co., of Hershey, Pa.

Samuel Shiffler, born Dec. 24, 1848, living somewhere in the west, married and is the father of two sons.

This is the conclusion of the Shiffler family.

Emanuel Shirk next in line of birth, of John and Elizabeth Hacker Shirk's sons, was born Jan. 15, 1811. He united in marriage to Catherine Royer. She was born March 15, 1818, was killed by a train at near Ephrata, on the Columbia and Reading R. R., May 24, 1871, aged 53 years. Her husband was killed Aug. 21, 1873, by a fall, from a building.

To their union were born: Fianna Emanuel, Hiram, Salinda, Lavina, John, Catherine, Leah, Edward; Ematius died in infancy.

Fianna married Hiram Bollinger. She was born Jan 1, 1831; died Nov. 15, 1855, aged 24 years, 10 months, 18 days. Their issue being one daughter

who died in infancy. Emanuel, Jr., born May 28, 1838, married Miss Sallie Bucher; to their union were born five children: Fianna, Mary, Emma, Katie and Sallie; Fianna dying in infancy. Mary married Sam Zwally, to them were born Lemon, Henry, Joseph, Elsie, Sallie and Sam.

Emma, born Nov. 1, 1866; married Frank Leecking; to them were born three children: William S. born April 3, 1885. Married Agnes Zook, they being the parents of one son, William Z. born May 10, 1908. Mary Elizabeth born April 2, 1886. Minie S. Leecking, born July 13, 1885; married John D. Vandervoort; they are the parents of Frank L. born June 7, 1908 and Emma Gertrude, born June 8, 1910

Katie Shirk born May 17, 1873; married William Conyngham. No issue.

Sallie Shirk born June 20, 1875; married John Raymond S. born June 3, 1893; Stella, born July 6, 1894.

Hiram Shirk born May 1, 1840; married Elizabeth Wechter. She was born Sept. 23, 1843; died June 9, 1880, aged 37 years. This union was blessed with seven children, four sons and three daughters: Catherine Anna born July 3, 1862; Lizzie Ida born Oct. 9, 1863; died Oct. 8, 1884. Emaunel W. born July 13, 1865. Hiram W. born Aug. 16, 1869. John W. born May 21, 1871; Amanda born May 19, 1867; Harrison W. born Feb. 4, 1873.

Hiram and Lizzie Wechter Shirk after marriage, engaged in farming on their farm in Clay Twp,. Lancaster Co., Pa., later sold out and bought a store in Ephrata, Pa., operated the general store several years when they sold the store and bought the "Ephrata House" and engaged in the Hotel business, when again they sold out and engaged in farming near Hinkletown, Pa. Selling out in 1877 and moved to LaPaz, Marshall Co., Ind. and later to South Bend, Ind., where Lizzie, Hiram's wife, as above stated, died June 9, 1880. Interred South Bend Cemetery. Hiram in 1893 again married Mary J. Riddle of Lakeville, Ind. No issue to this last union.

Elizabeth Stacher
John Shirk

Catherine Anna, or Kate as she was familiarly called, the eldest of this family, married William Davis Winters, a son of Richard N. and Mary Winters of Hinkletown, Pa. They were married in South Bend, Ind, 1882. Three years of their early married life were spent in Hotel keeping in Hinkletown after which they located in Ephrata, Pa., thirteen years. Mr. Winters was the popular proprietor of the Ephrata House; after that sold out and bought the Cocalico House, 1906, which he conducted for four years, when he departed this life at the age of 53 years. Mr. Winters was a man of fine social qualities, his friends learned of his death with great sorrow. To their union were born four chidlren: Charlotte A. born May 19, 1884. Lizzie I., born Dec. 22, 1888; died in infancy; Mary,

born Aug. 28, 1891; died in infancy; Richard N. born Aug. 29, 1891. Charlotte A. Winters united in marriage to Charles Gardiner, a Civil Engineer in the employ of the U. S. at present stationed in Washington, D. C. where was born a daughter, Jane K. Gardiner.

Emanuel W. Shirk, third child and first son of Hiram and Lizzie Wechter Shirk, married in Cleveland, Ohio, Miss Elizabeth Guckenbiehl. To their union were born Evelyn M. Aug. 22, 1893; Florence R. Sept. 15, 1895; died in infancy. Edward F. Feb. 25, 1898; died in infancy. Lucile M. born Aug. 19, 1900. Mr. Shirk is engaged in the plumbing trade in Cleveland, Ohio.

Amanda Shirk married Horace Hahn of Ephrata, Pa. To their union were born seven children: Charles, March 28, 1886; Claude, Dec. 12, 1887; Harry, March 28, 1890; Stella C. May 5, 1892; Elmer, Aug. 4, 1893; Edna, March 21, 1895; Lottie A. March 5, 1898; Edna died.

Charles Hahn married Lillie Moritz; they are the parents of Elsworth Hahn, born Sept. 16, 1910.

Claude Hahn, born in Ephrata, Pa., Dec. 12, 1887, when he arrived at the age of maturity, enlisted in the U. S. Navy, where he served a great portion of his time on the ocean, cruising to the many foreign ports, at the end of his term of services, returned home and later took voyage in the sea of matrimony at Mishawaka, Ind., uniting with

Miss Elsie Patridge of that place and later took up their abode in Tacoma, Wash. where they now reside (1914).

Stella C. Hahn born May 5, 1892; married Arthur Slick of Ephrata, Pa. To their marriage is born Charlotte E. Apr. 10, 1913. Elmer Hahn born Aug. 4, ~~1893~~; Edna Hahn born March 21, ~~1895~~; Lottie A. Hahn born March 5, ~~1898~~. Both the parents of this family were called to the Great Beyond when most of the children were small and through kindness of heart were taken care of and some of them raised by their aunt, Mrs. Davis Winters of Ephrata, Pa.

Hiram W. Shirk, second son and fifth child in line of birth married Emma Scheleter. To this marriage were born: Lawrence S., born July 25, 1899, Clifford H. born Sept. 7, 1901; Willis K. born Jan. 29, 1903; Mildred M. born July 2, 1907. Hiram's address is Mishawaka, Ind.

John W. Shirk, third son and sixth child in line of birth of Hiram and Lizzie Shirk's children married Miss Gertrude Sousley of St. Joseph Co., Ind. To them were born: Marie, born April 26, 1896; Willmetta, born June 3, 1902; Kenneth, born June 15, 1904; Marcella, born Dec. 5, 1910. John W. Shirk is engaged in the wholesale meat business, South Bend, Indiana.

Harrison W. Shirk, fourth son and youngest child of Hiram and Lizzie's children. Married

Deetle Raneson. To them were born Harrison Shirk, Jr., March 25, 1898. H. W. Shirk's occupation is plumbing and gas-fitting in Cleveland, Ohio.

Salinda Shirk, daughter of Emanuel and Catherine Shirk, was born Sept. 11, 1843; died April 1, 1881, aged 38 years. She was married to John Hagey in 1860, and to them were born Edward; he died in infancy. Susan was born Feb. 26, 1863, married Menno Shirk, they have two children born to them, Harry Shirk, who married Lizzie Wiest. to them are born Florence Shirk.

Elizabeth Shirk married Martin Fry, they being the parents to their union of two boys, Menno and Martin.

John S. Hagy, born July 31, 1864, married Alice Brubaker; to their union were born five children: Minnie, born Nov. 22, 1886; died Jan. 9, 1887; Sam B. Hagy, Oct. 20, 1893; John B. Hagy, Aug. 13, 1896; Emanuel B. Nov. 9, 1904; Salinda May 28, 1911.

Emanuel Hagy, born Dec. 24, 1865, married Miss Hattie Showalter, to this marriage are born Harvey Hagy, born Sept. 14, 1890, is married.....; Agnes S. born May 11, 1891, married David Kurtz.

Katie S. Hagy, born Apr. 27, 1867, married Jacob Hacker. To their union were born three children: Ada Hacker, born Nov. 7, 1887; married Harry Steffy. Alvin Hacker born Oct. 28. 1890; Jacob Hacker, Jr., born Jan. 28, 1894. Katie, the

wife and mother, died Feb. 22, 1898, aged 31 years. Ida S. Hagy, born Dec. 14, 1868, married Jacob Erb, to them were born Laura, who died in infancy; Anetta, born Feb. 4, 1897.

Salinda S. Hagy, born Oct. 30, 1872; married Joel Eberley; no issue.

Daniel S. Hagy, born March 2, 1875, died Aug. 17, 1877. Sophia S. Hagy, born Feb. 6, 1877; married George Wechter; to them was born Berneattha Leota Wechter, Nov. 19, 1903; Lizzie Hagy, born Nov. 21, 1878, died April 13, 1881; Lavina Shirk, daughter of Emanual and Catherine Shirk, born March 14, 1846; married David Butzer; to their union were born four children: Emma, born Oct. 13, 1864; Harvey, born Aug. 6, 1870; John, born June 7, 1874. William, Aug. 25, 1882.

Emma married Harry Stroble. To them was born one son, Harry Stroble, Jr., July 3, 1889; married Edna Angstadt. further Data

Harvey married Bessie Nelson; they are the parents of Hazel, born May 16, 1910.

John Butzer married Annie Bare. To them were born Florence, April 30, 1896; Ralph, Dec. 13, 1901; Miriam, Aug. 17, 1910.

The Butzer brothers, of Ephrata, Pa., are extensively engaged in the automobile trade. They conduct their business interests with care and ability, which brings them the prosperity they deserve.

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John R. Shirk, son of Emanuel and Catharine Shirk, was born March 31, 1847; married Miss Amanda Gorgas, daughter of Jacob and Cassia (Horting) Gorgas, of Ephrata, Pa. To their union were born five sons: Jacob G., Sept. 17, 1868; Harry H., Nov. 6, 1870; Johu R., Jr., May 12, 1873; Wilmer M., March 29, 1875, died Feb. 23, 1884; Newton W., March 21, 1878. Royer

Jacob G. married Katie Heiser. To them were born seven children: Mary, born 1890, died 1912, aged 22 years; Irene, Marshall, Chester, Warren, Florence and Joseph. Emanuel & Catharine Royer

Harry H., born Nov. 5, 1870, is married, and to their union were born Helen, April 12, 1900; Richard, Oct. 26, 1904.

John R. married Minnie Razor. To them were born Peter J., March 29, 1903; Amanda L., May 29, 1900.

Newton W. Shirk married Grace Kern.

Catharine Shirk, daughter of Emanuel and Catharine Shirk, born Jan. 15, 1849, married Addison Longenecker. A daughter, Sallie, was born to this union Sept. 19, 1880. She married Amos Hess; to them was born one son, Stanley Hess, Sept. 23, 1904. Royer

Leah Shirk, daughter of Emanuel and Catharine Shirk, was born Jan. 11, 1852; married Albert Mumma. To this marriage were born seven children—Kate S., Aug. 19, 1871, married Milton Sonon; Harvey, Dec. 19, 1872; Florence, Aug. 26, 1874, mar- Royer

ried Wesley Hellinger; Emanties M., April 12, 1875, married Mamie Hollacher; Emanuel J., March 31, 1878, married Daisy Smith; Elizabeth, May 14, 1885, married Elmer Frankfort; Irene., March 29, 1892, died Dec. 7, 1893.

Edward Shirk, son of Emanuel and Catharint Shirk, born Dec. 15, 1854, died March 15, 1898, was married to Tillie Ream. To them were born Walter, who married Lillie Wilson; and Frank R. married Ada Habecker.

Walter and Lillie are the parents of Charles W., born June 10, 1898; Sallie M., Sept 14, 1899; Tillie I., Dec. 3, 1900; Cyrus E., March 11, 1903; Ruth M., June 17, 1904; Luther L., May 16, 1908; Laura H., June 8, 1911; Frank R. and Ada being the parents of one daughter, Lottie, born June 13, 1904.

Elias Shirk, son of John and Elizabeth Hacker Shirk, born in Lancaster Co., Pa., married Miss Polly Eberly (also of the same place) Jan. 30, 1845. To this union were born: Pricilla, in Lancaster Co., Pa., Feb. 1, 1846, died Oct. 19, 1872, aged 26 years, 8 months, 18 days; Matilda, born Stark Co., O., March 19, 1848; Sarah, born Stark Co., O., May 1, 1850; Salinda, born Stark Co., O., Jan. 6, 1852; Elizabeth, born Portage Co., O., Nov. 11, 1853; Lucetta, born Portage Co., O., Dec. 20, 1855; John, born in Crawford Co., O., March 5, 1858, died Dec. 8, 1911; Emaline, born Crawford Co., O., March 6, 1850; Jane, born Crawford Co., May 8, 1862; Charles, born Crawford Co., O., May 7, 1865.

1868 Elias Shirk, the father of this family, died March 21, 1858. Mrs. Shirk died Oct. 28, 1910, both dying at their home at Broken Sword, Crawford Co., O., where they had resided a long time, engaged in hotel keeping.

Daniel Shirk, son of John and Elizabeth Hacker Shirk, died a bachelor.

Mary Shirk, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hacker Shirk, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., 1820, and was united in marriage to Charles B. Reber also a native of the same county, who was born July 24, 1814, died May 22, 1888. Mary, his wife, died 1894. To this union were born eleven children: John S., May 6, 1841; Matilda S., Dec. 7, 1842; Thomas S., June 23, 1845; Henry S., June 16, 1847; William July 7, 1849, died, buried at Womelsdorf, Pa.; Mary, Sept. 9, 1851; Charles C., July 14, 1854; Amelia C., Aug. 8, 1856; George Calvin, June 2, 1858; Levi S., born May 27, 1850; Samuel S., July 18, 1864.

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X John S. married Catharine H. Zimmerman. She was born 1852, their residence being at Lone Rock, Ia. They were the parents of eleven children: Irvin R.; George F., born Nov. 4, 1873; Luzanna Z., May 9, 1875; Frances E., June 8, 1878; Cora Ann, Nov. 24, 1879; James G., Oct. 11, 1881; Kate Lee, Oct. 22, 1886; John L., July 1, 1888; Lida E., June 22, 1890; Emma D., June 4, 1892; Arthur E., Sept. 9, 1893.

Frances Edna Reber married Frederic Davis, of Seneca, Ia. They are the parents of one child, John Edward. Cora Ann Reber married Stanley Holland, Estherville, Ia. One child, Lloyd B.

Matilda Reber, second child of Charles B. and Mary Shirk Reber, married Joel Bertolet. He was born Sept. 22, 1839, united in marriage May 14, 1861, P. O., Leaf River, Ill. To them were born three children: Esther A., Aug. 27, 1862, married John H. Hibbard, their residence is Staunton, Va.; Mary M. Bertolet, born Oct. 14, 1867, married Fred H. Swingley, Atkinson, Neb.; Charles D. Bertolet, born April 2, 1871, No. 30. North Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. (Single).

Thomas S. Reber, third in line of birth of Charles B. and Matilda Reber, born June 23, 1845, their home being at Kimbal, S. D., united in marriage to Ellen Hackman. To this union were born eleven children: Winifred, Wm. A., Charles, Elenora, Ernest, Elsie M., Klea S., Bessie I., Thomas N., Frederick and Nellie V. Wm. A., Bessie I, and Thomas N. are dead.

Henry S. Reber, fourth in line of birth of Charles B. and Mary Shirk Reber, born June 16, 1847, married Ann Grove, Leaf River, Ill. To them were born ten children: Laura, William, May, Milton, James C., Maude B., Claude, Lloyd, Bessie, and Letha Matilda. William died 1880, and L. Matilda in 1894. Laura married Abner Lutz. May married Harry Emblick. Milton married Minnie Bressler.

To them were born eight children: Minnie, Minta, Hallie, Herbert, Letha, Clifford, Donald, and Kenneth.

Mary Reber married Charles G. A. Hullhurst, M. D., Lincoln, Neb., their issue being five children: Mary F., Grace E., Maud S., Aletha C., Bethoven R. Maud S. married Rev. Rauny; they have two children. Charles C. married Louisa Keller. Amelia C. married Joseph Keefer; one child, Mary Minerva, who married Rev. Ernest Stoner. George Calvin Reber married Sarah E. Palmer, issue seven children: Charles D., Mary E., Bertha I., Ella A., Anna M., and Florence. Ray died.

Levi S. Reber, son of Charles B. and Mary Shirk Reber, married Lizzie D. Heidt May 3, 1882, issue three children: Alva L., Ernest F., and Inez E., Byron, Ill.

Samuel S. Reber, son of Chas. B. and Mary Shirk Reber, married Bertha G. Thorn Dec. 26, 1897, issue five children: Grace M., born Nov. 27, 1898; Hibbard H., Oct. 4, 1901; Vera B., May 12, 1900; Helen E., Dec. 17, 1903, and Howard E., Oct. 8, 1905, Leaf River, Ill.

This concludes the Charles B. and Mary Shirk Reber family, with their descendants, and all of the John and Elizabeth Hacker Shirk's descendents.

Anna Shirk, a daughter of Ulrich and Maria Eberly Shirk, was born on her father's farm near Schoeneck, Lancaster Co., Pa., dates not known,

united in marriage to Rev. Abraham Brubaker, a minister in his time of the old Mennonites, and also a native of Lancaster Co., Pa., where, after marriage, took up their abode during their life time. To this union was born one son, Jacob Brubaker, who was married, and father of three children, one son and two daughters, of whom no information was to be obtained by writing, and the little known of the family is confined to a personal knowledge of the writer of this book, which is very meagre and limited to this family. It is almost certain that there are in existence a number of the Anna Shirk Brubaker descendants which cannot be mentioned here on account of failure of response to the writer's request.

David Shirk, second son and third child in line of birth to Ulrich and Mariah Eberly Shirk, was born on the farm of his father near Schoeneck, Pa., March 5, 1783, died March 6, 1878, aged 95 years. Anna (Kurtz) Shirk, his wife, was born July 26, 1783, died May 26, 1848, aged 65 years. After their marriage they took up their abode on a fine farm near Brownstown, Lancaster Co., Pa., where to them were born the following children: John, Ulrich, Samuel and David, and three daughters: Mrs. Hershberger and three were married to three Kurtz's.

John married Miss Kimmel. To them was born an only child, Elizabeth, who married Christian Brubaker. To these were born two sons; both

studied and practiced medicine, one of them being the renowned specialist, Dr. A. S. Brubaker, of Indianapolis, Ind., now deceased.

Ulrich married a Miss Kurtz. To them was born John Shirk, an only child, who married a daughter of Dr. Wiest, of Schoeneck, Pa. They took up their abode on his father's farm, near the Conestoga, at Oregon, Lancaster Co., Pa.

Samuel married Miss Oberholtzer. To them was born an only child, David O., who married Miss Kurtz, a lady of great wealth, David O. becoming through this marriage one of the wealthiest Shirks in Lancaster Co., Pa., owning a number of the finest farms in the county. His wife dying soon after marriage, when David for his second wife married Miss Kohr, of Lancaster, a daughter of Rev. John Kohr. To this union were born Dr. John R. Shirk, of East Chestnut St., Lancaster, who is the well known Mennonite physician of that city. He is married to his second wife, a Miss Weaver, a very estimable lady of the same denomination, both wearing the plain garb of the Mennonite church.

Note.—The genealogy of the elder David Shirk could not be completed to date, by failure of response by request made by the author of this book to some of the members of this branch, which is to be very much regretted by all concerned.

Samuel Shirk, next in line of birth of Ulrich and Maria (Eberly) Shirk, was born near Schoeneck,

Lancaster Co., Pa., Aug. 29, 1785. He married Miss Susan Mohler in 1813. She was born in 1789. To this union were born six children—four sons and two daughters: Isaac M., at the Shirk cross roads, West Cocalico twp., Lancaster Co. ,Pa., Dec. 19, 1814; Jacob M., born same place in 1816; Mary, born same place in 1818; Sallie, born same place in 1821; Samuel, born same place, June 8, 1824; Reuben, born same place, in 1826.

The wife and mother died at this home near Schoeneck in 1826, aged 35 years. Samuel, after having the care and responsibility of this family for two years, married his second wife in 1828. His second wife was Miss Mary Yocom, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Fox) Yocom. They are of Irish ancestry. Mary Yocom was born in Catawissa, Pa., Nov. 18, 1795. To this union were born six children—four sons and two daughters: Levi, Daniel, Henry, Eliza, Rudolph and Catharine. The two first named were born at Shirk Cross Roads. Samuel and Mary Shirk moved from Lancaster Co. to near Reading, Berks Co., in 1832, where they resided three years, when in 1835 they moved to near Hinkletown, Lancaster Co., Pa. Four years later they moved to Mt. Joy, Lancaster Co., Pa., where children of the second wife were reared. The issue of the twelve children all attained their majority, and most of them lived to be quite old.

Samuel Shirk, the father of this large family, departed this life March 30, 1864, aged 78 years, 7

months. Mary, his wife, died March, 1873, aged 77 years, 6 months. Their remains are resting in the Keller cemetery, Springville, Lancaster Co., Pa.

Isaac M. Shirk, the first child of Samuel and Susan (Mohler) Shirk, married Miss Susan Rock, also a native of Lancaster Co., Pa., born March 13, 1818. To this marriage were born three children—two sons and one daughter: Harrison Rock, Elizabeth and Samuel.

Harrison Rock, born near Mount Joy, Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1846, where he also received his education and in Harrisburg, Pa., studied law, and later taught school a number of years. He was united in marriage to Louisa Hoffer, a native of Juniatta Co., Pa. To them was born an only daughter, Agnes, who married Mr. Kreider, and for her second husband, is married to Albert Spofferd. They are now living in Tacoma, Wash. H. Rock Shirk has been serving his county as auditor two terms, is now residing at Harrisburg, Pa.

Elizabeth Shirk, the second child in line of birth, and only daughter of Isaac M. and Susan Rock Shirk, was born near Mount Joy, Lancaster Co., Pa., Oct. 4, 1850, where she received her education, which enabled her to teach school while single. She united in marriage to John D. Simons, who was born at Kissell Hill, Lancaster Co., Pa., May 11, 1838, died July 7, 1904, aged 66 years. To this union were born five sons, all living: Christian S., May 14, 1877; Isaac S., May 26, 1879; John S., Nov. 21, 1883; William S., July 5, 1887; Samuel S., Nov. 26, 1889.

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Christian S. Simons is married to Emma Bollock, she being born March 17, 1874. They are the parents of five sons living, and one daughter deceased. Their residence is Mount Joy, Pa.

Isaac S. is a student in the medical course at the University of Pennsylvania; John, a student at Columbia University; Samuel S., teaching at Marietta High School and preparing himself for college.

William S. united in marriage to Miss Anna Ruth Shrite, of Leamon Place, Pa., on Aug. 12, 1913. His wife, Anna Ruth, was born Dec. 31, 1893. Mr. Simons is teaching in the Paradise high school, Leamon Place, Pa. These young men are all of a studious nature, and by their mother's judicious method in rearing and educating them, will enable all to become men of usefulness and honor.

Samuel R. Shirk, the youngest of Isaac and Susan Rock Shirk's children, was born at Mount Joy, Pa., 1855, is by occupation a painter and decorator, which vocation he has followed for many years.

Mr. Shirk is a man of quiet and unassuming nature and good moral habits, has never married, and has his home with his sister at Marietta, Pa., Mrs. John Simons. Isaac M. Shirk, the father of the foregoing family, fell from a wagon and died from the effects the next day, Feb. 14, 1885, aged 70 years, 1 month and 25 days.

Susana (Rock) Shirk died Sept. 21, 1898, aged 80 years, 6 months and 8 days. Both are buried at the Mount Joy cemetery, where also their son-in-law, John Simons, is buried.

Jacob M. Shirk, second son of Samuel and Susan Shirk, born in West Cocalico twp., in 1816, learned the saddle and harness trade, followed his vocation at Reinhold Station, Pa., the balance of his life. He married Miss Susan Kline, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kline, Esq., of West Cocalico, Lancaster Co., Pa. She died a few years after marriage, when he married Miss Polly Buffenmyer, who was born in 1832. To this union were born two children, a son dying in infancy, and a daughter, Emaline, born 1851. She married James K. Hartman, proprietor of the hosiery mill in Gouglersville, Berks Co., Po. To this union were born the following named children: Calvin; Alice, wife of James Matz, residing in Gouglerville; Robert, in Edison, Pa.; Amy, wife of Chester Wentzel, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Elmer, married, and his father and grandmother are living with them. Emaline, the mother of the above children, died Oct. 8, 1911, aged 60 years, 3 months, 10 days. Interment in Wyomissing cemetery, Pa.

Jacob M. Shirk died in 1897, aged 80 years, 2 months, 7 days. His remains are buried in the Denver, Pa., cemetery.

Mary Shirk, daughter of Samuel and Susan Mohler Shirk, was born in 1818. Married George Swee-

ley, a native of Lancaster Co., Pa., born May 3, 1815, he being a blacksmith by trade, following that vocation first in Mount Joy, Lancaster Co., Pa., from there moved to Bellefonte, Center Co., Pa., from there to Naperville, Ill., from there to Waterloo, Ia., from there to Norton, Norton Co., Kans., where he died at the advanced age of 84 years, on April 5, 1899. His wife died Aug. 9, 1903, aged 84 years.

To their union were born six children—three sons and three daughters: Henry, the first born, in Mount Joy, Pa., died in infancy; Malinda, also born in Mount Joy; Elizabeth and Emma being born in Bellefonte, Pa. Harrison and Samuel were born in Naperville, Ill. Malinda Sweeley married Mr. Motter. Two children were born to them: Mrs. Messinger and Edna are at home their residence being Aurora, Ill.

Lizzie, or Elizabeth Sweeley, married Edward Stevens. He died in 1889. Lizzie died in Cheyenne, Wyo., where their children are living.

Harrison Sweeley left home many years ago, whence all traces of his life are lost in obscurity.

Emma Sweeley, with her parents. moved to Norton Co., Kans., where she married Clark Heath, a native of that state. To them were born an only daughter Mamie. In 1890 she died at the age of 20 years. Mr. Heath, also dying, leaves Emma a widow on a farm alone, in Norton Co., Kans.

Samuel Sweeley, the youngest of the family, came to Norton Co., Kans., with his parents in 1879. He had remained with his aged parents while they lived, caring for his widowed mother. After her death he married, and to their union were born several children. He is the owner of three fine farms in Kansas.

Sallie Shirk, next in line of birth of Samuel and Susan Mohler Shirk, married Reuben Landis, who was born in 1820, in West Cocalico twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., died 1905, aged 85 years. Sallie, the wife, died in 1885, aged 74 years. They were the parents of three children: Henry, Salinda, and Reuben S., are all dead. Salinda married a Mr. Smith. They had been residing many years in Seneca Co., O. Sallie, their daughter, married Mr. Wertz, and are now living at No. 601 Rowland St., Canton, O.

Henry S. Landis married Miss Mathias. She died; for his second wife married Clara Levan, now a widow and residing in her beautiful home, No. 1106 W. Tuscarawas St., Canton, O. Mr. Harry Landis, as he was familiarly called, was quite a genious in all kinds of mechanicl works. He had been an employe of the Dueber Watch Works for many years at Canton, O. His remains are resting in West Lawn cemetery, Canton, O.

Reuben Landis, the youngest of the family, married Miss Anthony, a daughter of Isaac and (Miss Moon) Anthony, of Canton, Ohio. They were the parents of one daughter. Reuben died Jan. 13, 1885, aged 27 years, 7 months, 19 days.

Reuben, Sr., the father of the above family, died in 1905. Sally Shirk Landis, his wife, died in 1895, buried in the Rowland cemetery, Canton, O.

Samuel M. Shirk, next in line of birth of Samuel and Susan Mohler Shirk, learned the harness trade, and worked at the vocation the most part of his life. In 1848 he married Miss Catherine Klingaman, daughter of Michael and Polly Fetter Klingaman of near Louisville, Ohio. To their union were born five children: Jacob K., Henry, Samuel, Daniel, and Mary. Henry died in infancy. Jacob was born near Louisville, Ohio, in 1852, married Miss Jennie Curtie, of French descent. To them were born three children, one boy dying in infancy; and two girls, Ella and Amanda, both married, and living in Cleveland, O. Jacob K., their father died Oct. 1881, aged 29 years, buried at Bremen, Ind.

Samuel Shirk, a son of Samuel M. and Catharine Klingaman Shirk, was born near Louisville, O., June 2, 1859, came with his parents in 1877 to La-Paz, Ind., where he also received a liberal education in the common schools of those days. He united in marriage with Anna Pierce, of Marshall Co., Ind., Feb. 14, 1883. Anna, his wife, was born Nov. 26, 1864. To them were born seven children—six daughters and one son: Ellen A., born July 19, 1884, died Sept. 19, 1884; Grace M., born Feb. 9, 1886, married Jesse G. Boyle June 30, 1908; Catharine M., born July 4, 1888, married George L. Paul

April 21, 1908; Bertha F., born July 8, 1891, married Elton R. Boyle Jan. 27, 1910; S. Frank, born Nov. 25, 1895; M. Fern, born Oct. 30, 1897. The two last, at this writing, (1913) are attending high school, 10th grade, at Galien, Mich., where the parents are residing.

Samuel's occupation is railroading on the Michigan Central. He has given all his children an endowment of a good education. All are fully capable of teaching school, which has been the occupation of several of the girls.

Daniel Shirk, son of Samuel M. and Catharine Shirk, was born in 1866. He married and they are the parents to their union of one daughter. They reside on a farm near Silver Lake, Wabash Co., Ind.

Mary Shirk, only daughter of Samuel and Catharine Shirk, was born near Louisville, O., 1870, is unmarried, had been caring for her mother until death. Her mother died at North Manchester, Ind., June, 1913, aged 82 years, her husband, Samuel M. Shirk, preceding her in death nine years, aged 78 years, 9 months.

Reuben Shirk, the last child born to Samuel and Susan Mohler Shirk was born near Schoeneck, Lancaster Co., Pa. Learned the shoe making trade of Conrad Gast, Lancaster City and continued this vocation during the remaining days of his life.

In 1847 was united with Mary Swilkey daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. John Swilkey of Lancaster, Pa. To them were born three children, two of them dying in infancy and Reuben, Jr., born July 14, 1851. The father died when his son Reuben was three months old, on Oct. 1851, aged 25 years. Mary, his widow, married again, her husband being a Mr. Ginder a native of Germany, a merchant on East King St., Lancaster City, for many years. Reuben, Jr., became an able business man and carried on the grocery store after the death of his stepfather. In 1874 he married Miss Adela Curtis, of Lancaster Co., Pa. She was born Dec. 19, 1854; died Sept. 11, 1901. To them were born two daughters: Mary, the eldest, born Aug. 4, 1887. She married Joseph Mercer, a lineal descendent of General Mercer of Revolutionary fame. Mr. Mercer is at the present time occupied as a Bank clerk in the city of Lancaster, Pa.

Della, the youngest daughter of Reuben and Adela Curtis Shirk, was born in Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 5, 1893, is quite an accomplished young lady. Reuben, the father, after the death of his wife, has remained single and is clerking in a hardware store on East King St., Lancaster. Their address being 351 E. King St.

The mother of Reuben Shirk, Mrs. Mary Ginder, at the advanced age of 89 years is living alone in Lancaster, is yet quite able to do her work of keeping house. Della Shirk, the granddaughter, living close, and is daily visiting and caring for her

when her grandmother is not able to care for herself.

Levi Shirk, the first born of the second marriage, born near Schoeneck, Pa., Sept. 8, 1829. He was married Oct. 3, 1858, to Sarah Hagey, a daughter of Henry and S. (Brubaker) Hagey. His wife was also born near Schoeneck, Pa., Feb. 6, 1837. During the early years of his married life he engaged in farming, later in buying and selling horses. Served as School Director, as a Director of Lincoln National Bank, and as a Director of the Northern Mutul Insurance Company, serving in the latter office for many years. Levi Shirk was an honored and highly esteemed citizen of the community in which he resided. He died April 10, 1907. Mrs. Shirk died Nov. 12, 1892. Both buried at Springville Cemetery, Lancaster Co., Pa.

To Levi and Sarah Shirk were born two children: Martin, and Lizzie who died at Lincoln, Pa., April 1, 1880, aged 15 years, four months and 15 days.

Martin H. Shirk, son of Levi and Sarah Shirk, born Feb. 1, 1863, and received his education in the public schools of Lincoln, Pa., at the age of 24 years; married Miss Anna Landes, Sept. 13, 1887. Anna, his wife, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Frey) Lnndes was born Oct. 28, 1866. About the year 1895, they moved to near Richmond, Va., on a farm of over 500 acres, where they resided and improved this large farm; when in 1906, he sold

the farm and moved to Lincoln, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he now resides, amid the scenes of his boyhood days, in a large mansion that he has erected for their convenience and comfort, in which they will now enjoy what they have accumulated by energy, ability and perseverance.

To their union were born four children, three daughters and one son. Evelyn, born in Lincoln, Pa., June 18, 1888, receiving her education at Glendale Schools, and later finished her course of fitting herself to teach at the Farmville, Va., female Seminary. She taught afterwards in both Va. and Pa. schools. April 27, 1910, she united in marriage with Everett Rollins Carey, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carey, of Saulsbury, Md., and is employed by the C. & O. R. R. as operator, stationed at Denbigh, Va. To this union is born one son, Martin William Carey, Dec. 11, 1911, and one daughter, Annie Evelyn.

Valerie Shirk, daughter of M. H. and Annie Shirk, born in Lincoln, Pa., Aug. 23, 1890, is an accomplished stenographer, now employed at the office of New Port News Ship Yard, Va.

Ernestine Shirk, daughter of M. H. and Annie Shirk, born Feb. 21, 1892, is now working at dressmaking, Philadelphia, Pa.

Kenelm Shirk, son of M. H. and Annie Shirk, born Aug. 11, 1894 and is a student at Washington & Lee University, Va.

Daniel Y. Shirk, second son of Samuel and Mary Yocom Shirk, born near Schoeneck, Pa., Sept. 23, 1830. Learned saddle an harness trade in Lancaster, traveled and worked at his trade in many places over the United States, when in Philadelphia, enlisted in the U. S. Navy for a term of four years; after his discharge the civil war commenced, he again enlisted in the U. S. Army and served during the war. In 1868 he united in marriage with Matilda Lesh Barnett, she being a war widow (had been married to David Barnett, who died while serving his country in the army). Matilda, his wife was born in Nimashillin Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, Angust 21, 1844; died Dec. 23, 1907, aged 63 years. Daniel died March 11, 1911. Both are buried in Oak Lawn Cemetery, North Manchester, Ind. Many years he was a worthy and consistent member of the Church of the Brethren. His wife being a member of the Progressive Brethren. To them were born four girls: Mrs. Emma Angell of Blue Island, Ill.; Mrs. Lucy Reed of California; Mrs. Alice Myers of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. Ella Wagner, of Mishawaka, Ind. Jan 23 at 6 P.M

Henry Y. Shirk, third son of Samuel and Mary Yocom Shirk, born near Reading, Berks Co., Pa., May 9, 1832. In the year 1835 he came to Lancaster Co., with his parents and in 1839 to Mount Joy, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he attended the common schools of that date during the winter only until he reached the age of 15 years, when he

was apprenticed to the printing trade at Lancaster, Pa., at the office of the "Volksfreund & Beobachter", a German paper of some distinction in those days. It not being of his own choice, he left the place and in 1851 traveled across the Allegheney Mountains on foot nearly all the way to Louisville, Stark Co., Ohio, where he remained on a farm, working for 50c day; in 1854, went back to Lancaster Co., and taught school; after the close of the term, again went to Ohio. When the Civil War commenced he volunteered for service under Capt. Manderson, Com. A, 19, Ohio. At the expiration of his term of service, married Miss Margaret Trump of Stark Co., Ohio, daughter of Michael and Salome (Simmons) Trump. Margaret Trump was born August 26, 1842. To this union were born six children, three sons and three daughters: Elmira, born in Plain Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, May 23, 1862; died June 6, 1863, aged one year and 14 days.

Clara Celandine, born near South Bend, Ind., Jan. 9, 1864. Byron Spencer, born in Plain Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, March 11, 1865. Flora Frances, born in Nimashillin Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, Feb. 18, 1867; Raymond Lee, born June 3, 1871, La Paz, Ind.; Henry Trump born Nov. 10, 1878, near La-Paz, Ind.

Henry Y. Shirk moved from Stark Co., Ohio to Marshall Co. Ind., 1869, bought of the David Cutler heirs, 160 acre farm, where now LaPaz is built, which was laid out after the B. & O. R. R. was built

in 1873; later he bought the Grover & Sykes farm one-half mile south of LaPaz, where he had lived 23 years on a farm containing 196 acres, where he raised and educated his children. He also for a number of years bought and shipped horses to the eastern market. In 1892 started the first hardware store in LaPaz and continued in business until 1902, when he sold to his son, Henry, and has lived a retired life in LaPaz since then (1914).

Clara Shirk, daughter of H. Y. and Margaret Shirk taught school five terms, when on Nov. 2, 1884, she united in marriage to Henry L. Jarrel, also being teacher, he was born Nov. 8, 1853.

To this union were born two children, a boy dying in infancy and Mamie C. born in Tyner, Ind., Oct. 23, 1886. Married April 29, 1906 to John I. Stoneburger, and they are the parents of one son, Henry E. born July 26, 1809. They are living on their farm one-half mile from Tyner, Ind.

Clara Shirk Jarrel died April 24, 1905, aged 40 years.

Byron Spencer Shirk, son of H. Y. and Margaret Shirk, married Miss Bettie Lineback, daughter of George and Mallie (Higby) Lineback, of LaPaz, Ind., on Sept. 9, 1888. To this union was born an only son, Donald Raymond, 1890. This Later.

He is taking a practical electrical course of study in the state of Idaho, to finish at Cornell University, N. Y.

Byron S. Shirk is employed by the Kirk Mfg. Co., and has been with them many years. His residence is 115 E. Oak St., Chicago, Ill.

Flora F. Shirk, daughter of H. Y. and Margaret Shirk, married Frank O. McCormick, of LaPaz, Ind. in 1885. To this union were born four sons: Floyd, Henry, Charles and Winfield Leroy. The three first died while young. W. L., born March, 1892, is at the present time engaged in the American Express Company Office at Laramie, Wyoming.

Frank O. McCormick was killed by an accident in a Copper Mine, Wyo. 1907. His widow, Flora Shirk McCormick again married. Her second marriage being with Mr. Albert Hunter, a native of Wyoming. They are now residing on a farm owned by her father in North Twp., Marshall Co., Ind.

Raymond Lee Shirk, son of H. Y. and Margaret Shirk has been employed by the Adams Express Co. for many years. In 1903 he quit the Adams and commenced with the American Express Co., and now is Assistant General Agent in the Chicago office. On June 18, 1901, he married Lettie Funk Kaufman, she being born Dec. 4, 1875.

They have one daughter, Hermona, born June 1, 1895, by a former marriage with Doctor Kaufman.

Henry Trump Shirk, son of H. Y. and Margaret Shirk, married Miss Nellie M. Broadhurst,

March 23, 1900, a daughter of Robert and Sadie (Buckle) Broadhurst of South Bend, Ind. Henry T. is the proprietor and successor of the H. Y. Shirk Hardware Store, which his father founded and established in 1892 in LaPaz, Ind.

Henry T. has proven himself a successful and efficient merchant. To their union were born two children: Rowie, born April 7, 1901; died, aged three months old.

Robert Henry, son of Henry T. and Nellie M. Shirk was born Aug. 25, 1904. He is very bright and intelligent in his studies, being in the fourth grade in school, with prospects of a promotion soon.

Margaret, the wife of Henry Y. Shirk, after a lingering sickness of several months, died Sept. 4, 1914, aged 72 years, 9 days. Buried at the Fair Cemetery, St. Joseph Co., Ind.

Eliza Shirk, daughter of Samuel and Mary Shirk, was born in Berne Twp., Berks Co., Pa. With her parents came to Lancaster Co., Pa., when two years of age, where she married in 1853, Gerhard Leed, a native of Lancaster Co., Pa., born Jan. 16, 1832. To this union were born: Amelia, in Clay Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., Oct. 2, 1854; Mary Ellen in Warwick Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., March 22, 1856; died in infancy; Amatius S. Leed in Warwick, Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., Dec. 3, 1859.; Clara in Lake Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, Dec. 31, 1865; Wilson in Plain Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, Oct. 11, 1867;

Myron, in Plain Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, July 8, 1870; died in Bremen, Ind., 1880, aged nine years; Frances in New Berlin, Ohio, June 10, 1876.

Mr. and Mrs. Leed moved to Stark Co., Ohio in 1860, where he was engaged in the hotel business in Greentown and New Berlin, Ohio. During the Civil War, 1862, he was drafted, serving his time until the expiration of his term of service.

In 1877, they sold their hotel in New Berlin, Stark Co., Ohio, and bought a farm of 100 acres near LaPaz, Ind., where they took up their abode and continued farming several years when they again took up the hotel business at Bremen, Ind., afterwards in Lakeville and LaPaz, Ind. Later moved on a farm they purchased near Teegarden Ind., farming several years when they bought property in Bremen, where Mr. Leed died in 1906, aged 74 years.

Amelia, the first born, Oct, 1854, married in Berlin, Ohio, to Edward Bach, a blacksmith and are now living in South Bend, Ind. To their union were born five children: Frances, born May 13, 1876; Clarece, March 6, 1883; Ellis, Nov. 19, 1884; Carrie, May 15, 1895; Charles Sept. 29, 1899.

Frances Bach married Mr. Slocum, they being the parents of two children: Forest, born Sept. 11, 1908; Byron, April 24, 1911.

Amatius S. Leed, the second child, married Lizzie Farver, who was born Feb. 9, 1860. Mr.

Leed died April 3, 1903, aged 43 years, established the first livery barn in LaPaz. Their children were born as follows :Charles F., one dying in infancy; Aline, born Sept. 30, 1888, married Benj. H. Davenport, are residing in Montana; Cleo, born July 22, 1891, living with her mother in LaPaz, Ind., employed in the Central Telephone, LaPaz; Clara Leed was born in Lake Twp., Stark Co., Ohio, March 28, 1862; married William Kuntz of Bremen, Ind., a barber by occupation. To them were born two daughters: Mrs. Dan Flynn and Mrs. Earl Wilson. Amanda Leed was born in New Berlin, Ohio, Dec. 31, 1865; married Delbert Moore of Lakeville, Ind., a son of Dr. Robert and Mrs. Moore. To this union were born seven children: Judson, Elzora, Robert, Norman, Lulu, Marie and Leone.

Judson Moore married Miss Grace Vorhies of Marshall Co., Ind.; Elzora Moore married Thomas Pope, of South Bend, Ind.; Norman married Miss Apfel of California; Lulu married Earl Riddle of Lakeville, Ind.

Wilson Leed was born in New Berlin, Stark Co., Ohio, Oct. 11, 1867; never married and is the proprietor of a restaurant in LaPaz, Ind.; Myron Leed was born in New Berlin Stark Co., Ohio, July 8, 1870; died in Bremen, aged nine years. Frances Leed was born in New Berlin, Stark County, Ohio, Oct. 24, 1873; married Charles M. Shock, a native of Bremen, Ind. Mr. Shock has been employed by Lowenstein of Bremen, Ind.,

for a number of years, proving himself a very efficient salesman for that firm. To this union was born an only child, a daughter: Una Shock, born in Bremen, Ind., Feb. 13, 1901. Charles M. Shock, the father was born May 15, 1872.

Charles O. Leed was born in New Berlin, Ohio, June 10, 1876. Was brought by his parents to Marshall Co., Ind. 1877. Married to Laura Mummy, 1905. They are the parents of three children: Hilda, born Oct. 12, 1905 and Victor, and one dying in infancy. Charles O. Leed is the proprietor of the LaPaz meat market, and has proven himself a man of good business qualifications, conducting the finest market LaPaz ever had.

Rudolph Y. Shirk, son of Samuel and Mary Yocum Shirk, born in Berks Co., Pa., March 2, 1835. Came when a child with his parents to Lancaster Co., Pa. When at the age of 14 years, through a severe sickness became a cripple for life. Though a cripple he was very industrious, learning the cigar making trade and working in that line of business off and on during his life. In 1877, he went to Marshall Co., Ind., and in the autumn of 1879, married Miss Amelia Rupert of Lakeville, Ind. To this union were born three daughters: Agnes, born in St. Joseph Co., Ind., 1880; Mary Edna, born in Marshall Co., Ind., 1882; Anna Elizabeth, born in Marshall Co., Ind., 1887. Rudolph, their father, died March 27, 1903; buried at Fair Cemetery, St. Joseph Co., Ind. Amelia Rupert, wife of R. Y. Shirk, died 1891.

The girls were of studious habits and acquired a fair education and all have good positions in Los Angeles, California.

Catherine A. Shirk, the youngest child of Samuel and Mary (Yocom) Shirk. Born near Mount Joy, Lancaster Co., Pa. Feb. 27, 1840, united in marriage to Moses Hower of New Berlin, Ohio. Mr. Hower was born Feb. 19, 1837, was a carpenter by trade, and at the commencement of the Civil war in 1861, he enlisted for service in the 19th Ohio all during the war, taking part in the Battle of Pittsburg landing, and Stone River, where he was severely wounded. At the close of the war he again took up his abode amid the scenes of his childhood days, at New Berlin, Ohio, where as stated above he married Miss Shirk and turned his attention to his trade and by diligence, hard work and frugality saved enough to acquire a home and later sold out and moved to California, only remaining in the land of flowers and sunshie two years, when they moved back, locating this time at North Manchester, Ind. Becoming dissatisfied with the "Hoosier State" sold out again and moved back to his old home place in New Berlin, Ohio, where they erected a fine house to suit their convenience, and are living very nicely and comfortably in their declining years of life. They have no children of their own, but in goodness and kindness of heart, they have been benevolent enough to take

a child to raise, a foster-daughter, which took the name of Mamie Hower, she being adopted.

Mamie grew up to be a very comely and intelligent woman and united in marriage with Charles Meade, a harness-maker by trade, and is following this vocation in Akron Ohio, where he is conducting for himself an extensive business.

Mr. and Mrs. Hower have both been members of the Brethren Church for many years, and are leading an exemplary Christian life.

The original families of the Shirks were all of the Mennonite church and still a great number of them are of that denomination and others of the plain people, who wear the plain garb of those churches, which are opposed to pride considering it to be the root of all evil.

Catherine Shirk, the second daughter and fifth child of Ulrich (III.) and Mariah Eberley Shirk was born at the original Shirk homestead near Schoeneck, Lancaster Co., Pa., Nov. 28, 1787; married Daniel Merkel Dec. 26, 1811. He was born Dec. 26, 1779; died May 8, 1861, aged 81 years. Catherine, his wife, died Nov. 2, 1874, aged 87 years. To their marriage were born five children. Samuel, their only son was born Sept. 7, 1812; married Mary Ann Miller of Sinking Springs, Berks Co., Pa., on Oct. 29, 1837. Mary Ann, his wife, was born June 11, 1814, and died July 8, 1895, aged 81 years. Samuel died Oct. 13, 1854, aged 42 years.

To their union were born Merkel six children, five sons and one daughter: John, born Feb. 20, 1839, died June 1857, aged 18 years.

Catherine Ann was born June 8, 1841; married Martin W. Kurtz on Jan. 27, 1863. To this union were born six children: Levi, dying in infancy; Howard, married to Clara Orth, residing in Denver Colorado; Stella, married George Stauffer, residing in Milwaukee, Wis.; Bertha married Charles Lapp, living near Davis, Ill.; Martin married Elsie Long, residing in Davis, Ill; Lillie is living with her parents, Davis, Ill.

Daniel S. Merkel, born May 3, 1844; married Sybilla Yarger. She died 1893, they were the parents of one daughter, Mary.

Henry G. Merkel was born Oct, 29, 1846. Married Mary Glasser. To them were born two sons: Orton and William.

Levi Merkel was born Aug. 22, 1850. Married Mary Hill. She died 1899, they being the parent of six sons and one daughter, one son dying at the age of 29 years, unmarried.

Samuel Merkel was born Jan. 19, 1853; married Elmira Molter; they are the parents of five children.

Mary (or Polly) Merkel, born Jan. 20, 1814. Married John B. Smith of Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa. To them was born Frances, who married Mr. Taylor of Womelsdorf, Pa.

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Sabina Merkel, born Dec. 11, 1815. Married Henry Eberly; they are the parents of Mrs. John Wissler and Sabina Grohof Schaefferstown, being their daughter.

Sarah Merkel was born in Ephrata Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., 1881: died at Denver, Pa., 1906, aged 88 years. She being married to Daniel Fry, who preceded her to the Great Beyond 46 years. Three sons and three daughters were born to them, of whom only three are living: Sabina C. the wife of A. J. Ream of Denver, Pa., with whom the widow had been living since 1876; Sarah, wife of George B. Sensenig of Lancaster and Henry M. Fry of Reading, Pa.

Otilla, wife of Levi P. Becker is an only granddaughter of Mrs. Fry.

Mrs. Fry was a member of the Baptist Brethren Church, for many years. Her remains are resting at the Denver cemetery.

Elizabeth Merkel, also a daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Shirk) Merkel, was born June 8, 1822; married John Fry of Frysville, Lancaster Co., Pa. They were the parents of Mrs. John Seldomridge of Ephrata, Pa., Jacob M. Fry of Hahnstown, Pa., and John M. Fry, Esq., now deceased, a practising lawyer in Lancaster, Pa.

Note: The Catharine Merkel data is not com-

plete, which the author of this book desired very much, but did not get any response of those he had written to, the meagre personal knowledge he has of the family does not give the desired justice to this branch of the Catherine (Shirk) Merkel descendents.

Lizzie Shirk, daughter of Ulrich and Maria Eberley Shirk, was born in West Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., about the year 1790 and died about the year 1871, aged 82 years. She was twice married, her first husband being Jacob Keller, they were the parents of one son and one daughter, both dying young. Jacob Keller, her first husband, died in about the year 1840 or 1841. In a few years after her husband's death, she married again to George Keller, a widower, and brother to her first husband. Both were model men in every respect, being members of the old order of the Bretheren Church.

Ulrich Shirk (IV.) son of Ulrich and Maria Shirk, born on the old Ulrich Shirk farm, near Schoeneck, Lancaster Co., Pa., 1792, and died 1858, aged 66 years. He was a born mute, never married, had his home provided, (by the will of his father), with his youngest brother, Peter Shirk, who became the owner of the original Shirk homestead by inheritance from his father, Ulrich (III.)

Jacob Shirk, a son of Ulrich and Maria Eberley Shirk, was born and reared in West Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., born 1796; married Miss Cath-

erine Erb. To this union were born eight children: Daniel E., Benjamin E., Mary, Joseph E., Jacob, Levi (died young), Elias, and David E. Jacob and Catherine, after marriage, bought a fine farm in Clay Twp., Lancaster Co., where all their children were born. Catherine, their mother, died Sept. 1842, aged 43 years. Jacob, the father of this family, sold his farm and bought a farm adjoining the corporation of Lancaster City, and about the same time again married, a Mrs. Eliza Markley, a widow in Lancaster City. To them were born two children: Henry and Lizzie; they both died young, and on Dec. 5, 1871, Jacob Shirk died leaving a large estate of valuable property, his second wife dying a few years later.

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Dr. Daniel E. Shirk, Jacob and Catherine's first child, born Oct. 12, 1820, was reared on his father's farm in Clay Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., receiving a limited education in his youth, but by diligent study acquired a fair knowledge of different languages: Greek, Latin, French and German; studied medicine with the celebrated Doctor George B. Kerfoot, of Lancaster, Pa. Commenced practising medicine at the age of 22 years in the village, now Lincoln, Pa. In 1842, he united in marriage with Amelia Wilson, of Reamstown, Lancaster Co., Pa. Eight children were born to them: Hiester, Wilson, Oliver, Daniel, Jacob, Amelia, Catherine and Lizzie.

Dr. Shirk had lived in Carroll County, Iowa, some 18 years, and from there came to Mountain

Grove, Mo., where he died July 5, 1900. His wife preceded her husband in death about three months. In religion, he was a German Baptist, he and his wife having been members of that denomination for many years.

Benjamin E. Shirk, Jacob and Catherine's second son, born Nov. 1825, was also reared on his father's farm, in Clay Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., receiving a common school education in the district school of those days, being of studious nature, he acquired a good education and also studied medicine, and became very proficient in his practise at Adamstown and Reading, Pa., until 1869 when he went west and took up his residence in Marshalltown, Iowa. He was a noted medical practitioner, as well as extensive land owner and farmer, owning at the time of his death, 570 acres, which occurred Jan. 18, 1908, aged 82 years. He is survived by his wife (her maiden name being Lucy Blensinger), and two daughters, Mrs. John Coburn and Mrs. Elizabeth Remey, and one son, Robert Shirk of Marshalltown, Iowa. A grandson, Walter Shirk, of Madison, Wisconsin, who had been reared by Dr. Shirk. Jefferson Shirk his father, being the oldest son, died many years ago.

Mary Shirk, Jacob and Catherine's only daughter, was born and reared on her father's farm in Clay Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., born Feb. 1, 1823. Married Emanuel Buch who was born May 27, 1814. After marriage, they took up their residence

on a farm they bought near Lincoln, Lancaster Co., Pa., where to them were born the following named children: Jacob S., April 21, 1843; Mary Ann, June 15, 1846; died Jan. 3, 1871, aged 25 years. Emanuel, Feb. 7, 1856; died in infancy; Susanna, Jan. 3, 1858; died Dec. 5, 1858; Catherine, Oct. 21, 1849; Joseph.

Jacob S. Buch married Miss Pricilla Royer, Oct. 4, 1864. His wife being a daughter of Daniel and Mary Lutz Royer.

To this union were born: Mary Ann, Dec. 2, 1865; married to Jacob Redcay. To them were born Adam, John, Nettie, Sadie and Mary.

Susanna, born Sept. 30, 1857, married Abraham Eshleman: their children are: Lillie, dec'd; Howard, Elmer, Clayton, Daniel, Lizzie, Norman, Annie and Raymond, Oliver dec'd. Howard married Miss Mary Zook, one child, Walter, born to them.

Adam Buch married Alice Steeley, daughter of Daniel Steeley.

Emanuel, born Feb. 28, 1871; died Dec. 13, 1872; Joseph, born July 8, 1872, died April 8, 1873; Daniel, born Nov. 6, 1873; married Ada, daughter of John Kilhefner; John, born July 8, 1876; Lizzie, born May 31, 1878; married Oliver Demmy. To them were born: Edna, Lillie, dec'd., and Raymond. Lemon, born May 22, 1883; married Jennie Weinhold, daughter of John Weinhold. To them were born: Homer, Jacob, Spencer, John, Oliver and

Lester, dec'd.; Kate born March 15, 1889; married Stephen Enck. To them was born one son: Franklin Earl. This concludes Jacob Buch's descendents.

Catherine Buch (daughter of Mary and Emanuel) married Lemon Reddig. To them was born one daughter, Mary.

Joseph S. Buch married Lizzie Eberley. To them were born: Clayton, Oct. 27, 1889; Ella, Nov. 26, 1891; Maggie, Sept. 24, 1894; Milton, Aug. 23, 1895.

Joseph E. Shirk, Jacob and Catherine's third son and fourth child, was born March 28, 1828, reared on his father's farm in Clay Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. Being of a studious nature, acquired a good business education, and engaged in the hardware trade for four years in the city of Lancaster Pa. In the spring of 1850, went to Jackson Co., Iowa, where he bought several hundred acres of good farming land and engaged in farming and stock-raising. In Oct. 1856, he united in marriage with Miss Sarah Gockley, who was born at Williamstown, Dauphin Co., Pa., March 31, 1836. To them were born three girls, Mary A., Catherine and Elizabeth.

Mr. Shirk has by energy, ability and perseverence accumulated a handsome estate of mostly farm property, of the best quality. God has favored him with a long life to enjoy the fruits of his labor

He died July 25, 1912, aged 84 years. Mrs. Shirk preceded him in death seven years, aged 69 years.

Jacob E. Shirk, the fourth son and fifth child of Jacob and Catherine (Erb) Shirk, was born May 25, 1830; died July 16, 1895. Mrs. Shirk was born Sept. 16, 1820; died May 10, 1909. In his young days enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1852, cruising with the expedition sent to Japan by the United States government to obtain a treaty in which two ports were opened to commerce in 1854, which was conducted by Commodore Perry. He had also been on the briny waters of the ocean on a whaling expedition. Later in life, went to Blue Earth County, Minnesota, where he married his wife and settled down to farm life, and acquired a fine farm, where he spent the balance of his life in farming and stock raising. To their marriage were born twelve children and all are living (1913); Laura (Shirk) Reed, Jefferson Shirk, farmer and stockraiser; Ella (Shirk) Chaffee, Nora (Shirk) Foster; Simon Shirk, a farmer; Arminta (Shirk) Scott; Leah (Shirk) Ackerman; Jacob Shirk, a farmer; David Shirk, a farmer; Theodore Shirk, a farmer; Mae Shirk, a stenographer; George Shirk, a traveling man. Those are all residing in Minnesota, at or near Bricelyn P. O., Blue Earth County, Minn.

Elias E. Shirk, the sixth son and seventh child of Jacob and Catherine (Erb) Shirk, was born in Clay Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. His mother died when he was quite young. His sister, Mary Buch,

wife of Emanuel Buch, gave him a home after his mother's death, where he remained until his maturity, when he took up his abode in the Hawkeye State, there he also took his companion. To their union were born eleven children; two died in infancy. To them were born Theresa; she married Howard Miller, druggist of Monmouth, Ia. Samuel B. died at the age of 54 years. Jacob B. married Cora Shieb and are living at Monmouth, Ia. They are the parents of ten children: Elizabeth B. married Francis J. Juel. To their union were born four children: Clarence Juel married Phoebe Lincoln, a distant relative of Abraham Lincoln; Ethel Juel married Dayton Johnson; Glen and Bernice Juel are both single; David B. married Mary Lock. No issue. Mary Jane married Jacob Fasnacht. To them was born a son, Raymond Edward. Their residence is 14 S. 43d St., Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Benj. B. married Miss Blanche Shirk of Dakota. Katherine B. married Edward Frances Post; they have one child, Edward Frances Post, Jr. Sarah Louisa married Walter Forest Craig; they are the parents of one child, Walter F. Craig, Jr. Mr. W. F. Craig is serving in the Iowa State Legislature.

Elias E. Shirk was a well read and public spirited, and highly respected man, by all who knew him, arriving at the ripe old age of 78 years when he departed this life in November 1913 at his home in Monmouth, Ia., where also his offspring are yet remaining except Mary Jane (Mrs. Jacob Fasnacht), who is residing in Philadelphia, Pa.

David E. Shirk, seventh son and eighth child of Jacob and Catherine (Erb) Shirk, was born in Clay Twp. Lancaster Co., Pa., lived with his father in Lancaster, working at brick making on his father's farm, later entered into the cold storage business of butter, eggs, etc. In about 1860 he married Miss Susan Holsworth. To their union were born two daughters: Mary, wife of William Hawkins and Jane, the wife of George Snyder. In 1869 David, with his family, took up their abode at Sac City, Iowa, where he died April 24, 1903, his wife preceding him in death a week prior.

Joseph Shirk, sixth son and tenth child of Ulrich (III.) and Mariah (Eberly) Shirk, was born in West Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., Oct 2, 1799. Married Miss Susanna Keller, of Ephrata Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. She was born Oct. 11, 1797. This union was blessed with eleven children: Leah, the first born, Nov 7, 1819; Christianne, born Mar. 3, 1821; Maria, born Oct. 28, 1822; Salome, born 1825; Susanna, born Sept. 14, 1826; Jacob K. born Aug. 19, 1828; Elizabeth, born June 7, 1830; Joseph born July 17, 1832; Fianna F., born July 19, 1834; Anna Mahala, born Feb. 16, 1836; Reuben born May 25, 1838.

Joseph Shirk, the father of this family, after his marriage engaged in farming on one of the best farms of Meadow Valley, Lancaster Co., Pa., where also his children were born, and some reared to maturity. When he sold this farm about 1841 and

moved to Lancaster, Pa., engaging in the commission and Transportation business with David Royer, being the senior member of the firm name of "Shirk & Royer," where they continued a number of years, until the death of the subject of this sketch occurred July 7, 1856.

Susanna (Keller) Shirk, Joseph's wife, remained a widow in Lancaster, the remaining years of her life, dying Sept. 6, 1886, at the great age of 88 years, 10 months and 25 days. She was a member of the Brethren Church. They are both buried at the Keller Cemetery, Springville, Pa. Leah Shirk, daughter of Joseph and Susanna Shirk, married Martin Sheaffer, a native of Lancaster Co., Pa. After marriage, Mr. Sheaffer engaged in the Mercantile trade in North Prince St., Lancaster, Pa., for a number of years, and in 1860 moved to Louisville, Ohio, remaining but a few years, then moved to Lena, Ill., where they remained until death. Leah (Shirk) Sheaffer died May 30, 1891, aged 71 years, six months and 23 days. To them were born eleven children, only five are living: Martin, residing in Adel, Ia.; Lizzie Moore, a widow, and Annie Starr, both in Waddams Grove, Ill.; John residing in Carrington, N. Dakota; Leah Forney, residing in Raisin, California. Sheaffer.

Christianne Shirk, married Mr. Zook. No issue. She died Jan. 27, 1902, aged 81 years.

Maria Shirk married Benjamin Reinhold, also a native of Pa. To them were born three children:

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Henry Reinhold died at Harrisburg, Pa., at the age of 52 years. Mrs. Annie S. Moore residing at 1533 N. 17th St., Philadelphia (is a widow) and Mary Brindle died at Harrisburg, Pa., aged 50 years; Maria Shirk Reinhold, died Aug. 15, 1879.

Pierson

Salome "Sally" Shirk married William Pierson of Lancaster, Pa. To them were born two daughters: Margaret, wife of Edwin W. Hagen of 131 N. Charlotte St., Lancaster, Pa., and Mary E., widow of Adam Eberley, Atty. at Law. Mrs. Peirson was a dressmaker, which vocation she followed many years; died at the age of 85 years; interred at the side of her husband in Springville Cemetery, Ephrata Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; Susanna Shirk, married Harrison Hibshman, of Springville, Pa. She died May 22, 1855, aged 28 years, eight months and 28 days. No children.

Shirk

Jacob K. Shirk, married Miss Maria Gast of Lancaster. They were the parents of nine children; six are living: Harrison, Joseph and Jacob, of Lancaster, Pa.; Elizebeth Hostetter, of York, Pa.; Mary Mohr, Connecticut and Susan Bushong of 214 New St., Lancaster, Pa.

Baker

Elizabeth Shirk married John Baker. To them were born three children, two are living: James M., residing 614 West Chestnut St., Lancaster, Pa., and Annie Johnson of Clyde, New York. The mother, Elizabeth Baker is living with her daughter, Mrs. Johnson, aged 84 years (1914).

Fiana F. Shirk, married Amasiah Barr of Phila-

delphia. To them was born one son, John Franklin Barr of 2313 Atlantic St., Philadelphia, Pa. Fianna is a member of the Brethren Church, as were all the Joseph Shirk's children.

Anna Mahala Shirk never married; died May 1912. She had lived an examplary life.

Reuben Shirk, the youngest of the family had been serving his country in the U. S. Navy during the Civil War, he had been residing with his sister, Anna M., at 306 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster, Pa., where he died 1913, aged 74 yers. No issue.

Joseph Shirk, son of Joseph and Susanna Keller Shirk was born July 17, 1832 near Lincoln, Lancaster Co., Pa. At the age of eight years he came with his parents to Lancaster City, where he grew to maturity and received his education. While a young man, began Railroading on the Penna. R. R. as Brakesman. Oct. 5, 1851, he united in marriage to Caroline Kitch. She was born July 10, 1834; died May 30, 1895. Children of Joseph and Caroline Shirk; Susan, born April 21, 1854; married to Fred Carr, Nov 24, 1872, Frederick Carr died Feb. 4, 1881. Susan's second mariage to William N. Fayant, Dec. 19, 1882; Emma Jane, born Jan. 3, 1856; married to Samuel G. Royer, Nov. 2, 1881; Harry C., born Feb. 4, 1858; married to Jennie James, Jan. 9, 1880; Reuben D., born June 27, 1870; married to Mamie Buckingham, Sept. 9, 1888; Blanche, born March 15, 1873; married Benjamin

B. Shirk, Jan. 4, 1894; Anna B., born March 31, 1875; married Frank L. McUmber, Jan. 26, 1895.

Joseph Shirk's second marriage to Mrs. Emma E. Wenger, Oct. 11, 1906 (Emma E. Eyster). She was born Sept. 8, 1864, and they are the happy parents of one son, Paul Hulbert Shirk, born July 22, 1907. They are living in the land of flowers and sunshine, 758 N. Fairoaks Ave., Pasadena, Cal.

Joseph Shirk, as before stated commenced to work on the Penna. R. R. as Brakesman and later was promoted to the position of Passenger Conductor, on a western road, serving in this capacity a long time residing then in Chicago, Ill. Is now living in retirement, as above stated in the beautiful home of Pasadena, Cal.

Peter Shirk, the youngest son, and eleventh child of Ulrich and Maria Eberly Shirk was born near Schoeneck, Lancaster Co., Pa., Sept. 26, ~~1799~~; 1801 married Miss Frances Weaver, who was born Nov. 13, 1801; died March 1, 1893. Peter Shirk died Oct. 17, 1878. To this union were born four children: Moses, Samuel, Isaac and Fannie.

Moses Weaver Shirk was born at the old Shirk homestead, near Schoeneck, Lancaster Co., Pa., Dec. 2, 1827; married Miss Leah Shirk, a daughter of Jacob and Nancy Houck) Shirk, also born near Schoeneck, July 29, 1828. Were married Dec. 5, 1850. To this union were born seven children: Annie, born Nov. 25, 1851, died July 27, 1853;

Fannie, born in West Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.: Dec. 12, 1853. Married Jacob B. Wiest, also a native of W. Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. To this marriage were born seven children: Martin S., born at Schoeneck, Pa., Aug. 18, 1877. Mayme, born at Wabash, Stevens, Pa., April 11, 1880. Milton S., born Feb. 20, 1882; Harvey S., born Dec. 5, 1883; Lemon S., born Nov. 1, 1884; Cora Leah, born Oct. 20, 1886; Osborn, Mo.,; J. Wilson, April 1, 1893; Milton S., died Aug. 12, 1883, buried at Steinmetz Cemetery; J. Wilson died July 19, 1895, buried at Osborn Cemetery, Mo.; Martin S. Wiest, married Mabel Reidenbaugh. Mayme Wiest married D. L. Livengood. To them were born: Burton, Helen, Moyer and Richard. Cora L. Wiest married Thomas Wilson. All the above families are residing in Oklahoma, moving there from Lancaster Co., Pa., about 1894.

Sarah Shirk was born Jan. 12, 1857. Married Jacob B. Dissler, a native of Lancaster Co., Pa. They are the parents of two children: Maggie, born Dec. 18, 1880; Harry Dissler, M. D., born April 22, 1882; married to Edith Worley, they being the parents of one daughter, Helen, born Aug. 8, 1907. Jacob Dissler died Dec. 9, 1912.

Mary Shirk was born Sept. 10, 1859; married Abraham E. Kurtz. She died July 16, 1891.

Hannah Shirk was born March 5, 1861; married John B. Kurtz. To them were born three children: Harvey, born Aug. 6, 1882; died Sept. 2, 1882;

Stella, born July 13, 1884; married Theodore Wolfskill and have one child, Roy, born Dec. 1, 1902; Hayden Kurtz, born March 27, 1885; married Hannah Binkley, no issue.

Lizzie Kurtz, born May 14, 1864; married to Abraham B. Kurtz; they being the parents of seven children: Annie, born Nov. 29, 1884; married Samuel Snyder; to them was born one child, Helen; Alvin Kurtz, Born Feb. 23, 1886, died July 18, 1886; Lemon Kurtz, born Feb. 23, 1886, died August 13, 1886; Howard Kurtz, born October 6, 1892, died Nov. 6, 1892; Robert Kurtz, born Oct. 6, 1892; Oscar Kurtz, born Aug. 15, 1887; married to Annie Wiest. They being the parents of two children: Elsie, born Sep. 4, 1909, died Nov. 4, 1909, and Harry, born 1912. Chester Kurtz, born Jan. 28, 1896.

Lemon S. Shirk, born March 12, 1868; married Stella Carpenter. To this union were born two children: Lena, born Nov. 1, 1893, died Nov. 3, 1893 and Samuel Carpenter Moses Shirk, born Dec. 13, 1899.

Moses Weaver Shirk the father of the above named descendants died Oct. 6, 1906. His wife, Leah H. Shirk, died July 2, 1901.

Hannah Shirk Kurtz died April 6, 1885. The old Shirk homestead was bought by Lemon S. Shirk, retaining the Shirk name since first bought of the Penn brothers.

Sarah Shirk, a daughter of Ulrich and Mariah (Eberley) Shirk, was born in West Cocalico township, Lancaster county, Pa., Nov. 26, 1801; married Andrew Wissler of Lancaster county, Pa. He was born March 11, 1801. They were married Sept. 12, 1822. After their marriage they engaged in farming and merchandizing for many years near Schoeneck, Lancaster county, Pa. Moved to Stark county, Ohio, in 1845, where they engaged in the manufacture of flour, near Canton, Ohio. Later moved to Montcalm county, Mich., where they both died. Andrew died Dec. 1876, Sarah died July, 1877. To their union were born eight children, three sons and five daughters: Andrew, born Sept. 22, 1823. His first marriage was to Miss Shirk of Schoeneck, Lancaster county, Pa. She died soon after their marriage, when he married Miss Barbara Baker, of Wayne county, Ohio. This union brought him seven children: Mary, born Oct. 30, 1850; married Thomas Longdorf, and there were to them born Minnie to Frank Whitmore, Thomas and Charles Longdorf. Sarah, born Nov. 22, 1851; died Aug. 15, 1859. Elizabeth, born March 15, 1854; married Samuel Longdorf, of Sterling, Ohio; no children. Fremont, born Oct. 24, 1856; married Bertha Fisher of Sterling, Ohio. Jacob, born Dec. 21, 1861; married Emma Galloway of Seville, Ohio. Minnie, born May 20, 1854; married Ernest Earl, one child born to them. Howard, May 22, 1896.

Wm., born Jan. 1, 1857; married Isa Fortney; to them was born one child, Merle C., April 8, 1888.

Anna, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Shirk Wissler, born Feb. 24, 1825; married Andrew Whisler Nov. 27, 1845. Mr. Whisler was born Oct. 31, 1820. To them were born: Permelia, June 2, 1852. Samatha, March 29, 1854; married May 1876 to E. T. Kent, they are the parents of two children. Edith, May 1873, to Maurice Shaw, one son born to them, Harold Shaw, 1899. Orie Whisler, born July 29, 1855; married Chas. A. Simpson. Loretta, born March 9, 1858, died Feb. 1882; was married to James Cargill. Viola, born Jan. 13, 1850; married Owen Evans. To them were born: Anna, 1879; Dora, 1881, died 1897. Grace, born 1885, residing at Lowell, Mich. Horace Whisler, born Sept. 13, 1862, died Feb. 1896. Manelia, born Aug. 27, 1865, died Feb. 1898.

Jacob S. Wissler, son of Andrew and Sarah Shirk Wissler, born in Lancaster county, Pa., June 30, 1827; married Miss Leah Keller, Dec. 1844. Leah Keller born 1827. Soon after their marriage in Lancaster county, Pa., they moved with his parents to Stark county, Ohio. They were the parents of three children (the youngest dying in infancy): Ezra, born 1847; married Minnie Sell, and are the parents of one daughter, Elizabeth. Ezra is residing in Canton, Ohio.

Jacob, Jr., born Aug. 28, 1851; married Miss Philopena Ballinger. To them was born a daughter Catherine, July 1888. Again married to Orie Whisler Simpson. Daughter died in infancy. Jacob

married his third wife in Canton Ohio, a native of Germany. His address at present unknown.

Marie Wissler, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Shirk Wissler, born May 7, 1830; married Oct. 17, 1851 to Jacob Cornwell. To them were born Monroe, Jan. 23, 1853; married Jan. 1875 to Miss Kilgore. To them being born Jane, May 1877; Mable, Oct. 1879; Monroe, Jan. 1885; Lizzie M., born June 10, 1858; married Dec. 1877 to J. E. Galone. Sarah A., born Jan. 11, 1850; married Jan. 1880 to Henry Ballow. To them were born Maude, March 1882; Delos, Jan. 1884, died Sept. 1884; Kate, May 1885; Dora, March, 1889; Henry, Nov., 1892; Willis J., born Jan. 23, 1852; married Feb. 1891 to Anna Fridle. To them being born: Willis, July, 1892; Mildred, born Aug. 1895; Helen, born Oct., 1895.

Franklin, born Feb. 5, 1864; married June 30, 1882 to Ella Clapperton. To them were born: John, Oct., 1889; Jane, Feb., 1893.

Sarah Wissler, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Shirk Wissler, born April 19, 1833; married Jacob S. Brillhart, Dec. 27, 1849. To them were born: John H., Aug. 27, 1850; married Jennie Hiest July 3, 1870. To them were born: Arthur, May 17, 1873; Guy L., March 4, 1875; married April 15, 1900, they being the parents of Irma, May 29, 1903; Lee F., May 15, 1877; married March 6, 1902. Bertha, born Nov. 9, 1882.

Andrew J. Brillhart, second son of Jacob and

Sarah Wissler Brillhart, born June 28, 1852; married Ida F. Lyle, March 16, 1887. They were the parents of: Stella, born and died Jan. 1888; Samuel, born Sept. 5, 1889; Gertrude E., born July 8, 1894, died 1895.

Willis Brillhart, son of Jacob and Sarah Wissler Brillhart, born March 28, 1858, died Nov. 11, 1860.

Ella Brillhart, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Wissler Brillhart, born July 24, 1864; married Clayton Carpenter, March 5, 1885. To them were born: Nellie, Sept. 21, 1887; Rhoda, Dec. 27, 1890; Clara, Aug. 12, 1893. Reside at New Berlin, Stark county, Ohio.

Elizabeth Wissler, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Shirk Wissler, born in Lancaster county, Pa., Dec. 16, 1840; married March 28, 1863 to John Schouten. To them were born: Nora, April 7, 1864, died Oct. 1865; Maria, Feb. 25, 1865; married Nov. 22, 1899 to James Barclay. Perry, Aug. 15, 1867. Orie, Aug. 31, 1871; married Dec. 26, 1894 to John Carlsen. To them were born: Henry, Nov. 18, 1897. Reside Tecumseh, Mich. Mary, born Sept. 11, 1873. Jane, born Aug. 21, 1877; married March 18, 1900 to George Barclay. Jay, born Dec. 7, 1879.

Elias Wissler, son of Andrew and Sarah Shirk Wissler, born Sept. 14, 1835. Married; no chidren.

Lucy Wissler, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Shirk Wissler, born July 26, 1 842. Married Christian Shutt, 1867. To this union were born: Her-

man W., Nov. 19, 1867; married August 30, 1896 to Mabel E. Adams. To them were born Christian A., Alma Loraine, Dorlisca Augusta, Elias W., born Dec. 23, 1868; marr ed July 1, 1892 to Ella Mollet. To them were born Lester C. and Ella May.

William C., born July 18, 1870; married July 3, 1896 to Anna M. C. Hornburg. To them were born Ruth E., Ludwig, and W. Christian.

Sarah Shutt born Feb. 27, 1872; married March 20, 1889 to Geo. L. Clark. To them were born Elmer L., Leroy C., Leo J.

Mary Shutt, born Sept 3, 1873; died Feb. 21, 1882.

Maria Shutt, born Jan 13, 1875; died Feb. 12, 1882.

Derana Shutt, born Nov. 23, 1876; died July 5, 1877.

Elizabeth Shutt, born May 16, 1878; died Feb. 6, 1882.

Dewitt Clinton Shutt, born April 1, 1880; married March 8, 189 to Susan Schwartz. To them were born Marian A., May L. Shutt., born May 15, 1882. This concludes the Andrew and Sarah Shirk Wissler family, which was nearly all extracted from the Wissler Genealogy.

Descendants of Michael Shirk, Son of Ulrich Shirk II.

Michael Shirk, the third son of Ulrich (II.) and Anna Swar Shirk, a brother to Ulrich (III.) of whom the pages of the first part of this book are composed, was born, as before stated, in Lancaster Co., Pa., May 26, 1758; died April 4, 1827. He was married to Barbara Flickinger, who was born July 26, 1759; died Dec. 2, 1820.

To their union were born nine children, five sons and four daughters: Nancy, wife of Joseph Sensenig was born 1780; Catherine, wife of George Lesher, was born 1781; Barbara, wife of Samuel Bricker, was born 1783.

John Shirk, the oldest son of Michael, (better known as Indiantown John), was born Sept. 17, 1785; died Sept. 13, 1871, aged 86 years. His family consisted of three children, one son and two daughters. His son, Michael, born 1816, died 1888, was married and the father of Henry Shirk, who was not married.

The daughters were: Leah, wife of John Gerhart and Magdalena, wife of Jacob Hibshman.

John Shirk, the father of this family, had been

twice married, his second wife being the widow of John Shirk, his cousin's second wife Susan Wieland (Bentz) Shirk.

Jacob Shirk, second son of Michael and Barbara Flickinger Shirk, was born Dec. 4, 1787. Died Aug. 11, 1862, aged 75 years. He was married to Nancy Hauck, who was born Aug. 8, 1783; died April 4, 1871, aged 79 years. They were the parents of 13 children, all arriving at the age of maturity. Harry Shirk, born May 25, 1812; died Dec. 13, 1878. He was married to Polly Bucher. They were the parents of Henry Shirk of Lebanon Co., Pa. Henry, being married, and the father of Ira Shirk, who died at the age of 24 years, 1913.

George Shirk, the second in line of birth was born Nov. 3, 1813; died March 1, 1839, never married.

Mary Shirk was born Feb. 18, 1815; married Jacob Fasnacht. She died 1890.

Jacob Shirk, born Dec 9, 1816; died March 4, 1884, was married to Anna Brubaker, one daughter, Sarah, whose husband, Mr. Mumma, died.

Rudolph Shirk, born at Shirk Crossroad, West Cocailco Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., Sept. 16, 1818; died Dec. 2, 1895, was married to Barbara Reinhold, who was born March 25, 1825; died Sept. 9, 1884 Ten children were born to their marriage. Maria, wife of John Brubaker, was born Aug. 6, 1845; died

June 8, 1874. Two sons were born, Abraham and Jacob, both survive.

Ramanda, wife of Obed Dombach, was born Nov. 23, 1846; died Jan. 22, 1901, of which two children survive, Evan and Annie.

Lizzie, wife of Samuel Becker, was born Sept. 12, 1848; died March 9, 1914, one son and four daughters survive: Harry, Mary, Maggie, Sadie and Cora.

Annie, wife of Samuel Gockley, born March 26, 1851; died May 17, 1873. One son, Evan, is surviving his mother.

Thomas Shirk died in infancy.

Sarah, wife of Dr. Fremont Frankhauser, born March 24, 1857. Two sons were born, Atkin and Herbert.

Aaron Shirk, born May 10, 1861, was killed in a railroad wreck Dec. 16, 1909, one son and two daughters are surviving: Blaine, Edna and Florence.

Abraham Shirk died in infancy.

Lillie, wife of Jacob Bucher, born Dec. 26, 1865. Their family consisted of Horace, Harlen, Elmer, Rudolph, Florence and Marin.

Esq. John R. Shirk was born on his father's farm in West Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., Feb. 12, 1868, where he received his education, and

grew to manhood when he married Miss Lizzie Bingaman, who was born in the same county Jan. 4, 1867.

To this union were born two sons: Alger Jan. 8, 1893 and Stanley, April 2, 1900.

John R. Shirk, Esq., has his name enduringly inscribed in the Records of Lancaster County, as County Commissioner and Justice of the Peace of West Cocalico Twp. His ability has won him marked success in life, and has endeared himself to the public for the sterling worth of usefulness in his community as a reliable and efficient public servant.

Michael Shirk was born Sept. 26, 1820; died Sept. 10, 1881; he was married to Mary Eberley. To them were born one son and one daughter; Elwood, a mail clerk on the Penna, R. R., for over 25 years. Annie, his sister, is married to Harry Kurtz.

Susanna Shirk was born March 23, 1822; was married to Peter Bruner.

Nancy, wife of John Sheaffer, was born July 26, 1824. Born to them one son, Milton.

Obed Shirk was born in West Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., July 4, 1826; died Aug. 4, 1902. Had united in marriage to Elizabeth Eberley. Their union brought the following children; Jacob, killed in a railroad wreck; Edwin, married Kate Gerhart; Milton Shirk, married Lizzie Miller. Their family are: Mark, Samuel and Menno, who married Susan Hagy. Their children are Harry and Lizzie.

Obed's daughters are Kate, Annie, Sallie and Emma. His second wife was Velmina Root; one son being born to this marriage: Seth Shirk, who is the owner of the great grand-father's, Michael Shirk, farm.

Leah Shirk was born July 29, 1828; died July 2, 1901. She was married to Moses Shirk, a son of Peter Shirk, who's record having been placed in the preceding pages of the Ulrich Shirk branch.

Elizabeth Shirk, wife of Abraham Baer, was born Oct. 18, 1830; died Sept. 13, 1883.

Sarah, wife of Henry Becker, born March 12, 1832; died 1894.

Hannah, wife of Martin Becker, born Feb. 4, 1834; died 1910.

Michael Shirk, son of Michael and Barbara Flickinger Shirk, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., June 21, 1792; united in marriage to Barbara Allabaugh in 1814. She was born July 3, 1794. To this union were born: Benjamin, July 23, 1815; Michael, Aug. 25, 1818; Daniel, Aug. 9, 1821; Catherine, Oct. 27, 1823; John, Aug. 10, 1825; Joel, Dec. 6, 1827; Elizabeth, Nov. 25, 1829. This family was all born in Lancaster Co., Pa., when in 1832, they moved to Cumberland Co., Pa., residing there five years when they moved to Coshocton Co., Ohio, where on Sept. 11, 1847, Mrs. Shirk died. Mr. Shirk's second marriage was to Mrs. Barbara Doil; no issue to the second marriage. In 1864 they moved to Bureau

Co., Ill., where they took up their abode until his death, which occurred at his son, Michael's home, March 22, 1872, aged 79 years, eight months, and one day.

Benjamin Shirk, the first born to the Michael and Barbara Shirk family, united in marriage to Margaret Martin, Sept. 29, 1839 in Penna., where they resided during life. Mrs. Shirk was born June 13, 1818; died Feb. 20, 1859. To them were born: Michael Martin, Sept. 27, 1840; John, July 24, 1843 (died young); Daniel, April 19, 1846; George Vale, Sept. 30, 1848; Benjamin F., Dec. 21, 1851, died in infancy; Joseph, Sept. 1, 1853; Amos, Jan. 12, 1859. Benjamin's second marriage was to Mrs. Elizabeth Ullum, March 18, 1860. She was born Feb. 6, 1827. To this second marriage were born: Charles T., Jan. 7, 1861; Margaret, Dec. 5, 1863; Benjamin, May 26, 1866.

Michael Martin Shirk married on Oct. 13, 1864 to Mary Ann Montgomery, also a native of Pa., born Oct. 5, 1845; died Feb. 12, 1910, in Iowa. To them were born: Leroy, Feb. 13, 1866; Arthur E., March 26, 1869; Daniel Martin, May 3, 1874; Bertha D., Dec. 8, 1875; Charlie Sampson, Dec. 28, 1883.

Leroy Shirk married Emma Gibbons, Jan. 1893. To them were born two daughters: Hazel Rose, born in Miss. Dec. 14, 1895 and Mildred, also born in Miss., Aug. 6, 1899. Leroy, the father, died Oct. 6, 1912 in Alabama.

Arthur Shirk married Nettie Wardwell in Chi-

cago, Ill., June 23, 1892. Nettie, his wife, was born in Conn., Nov. 17, 1887. To their union were born, in Chicago: Lydia Emaline, June 26, 1893 and Charles Leroy, Aug. 12, 1895. Arthur died Aug. 30, 1901; Daniel Martin Shirk married Wilemina Alberta Johnson. She was born in Ia. Sept. 25, 1878. To them were born in Ia., Ruth Lucile, Jan. 23, 1911, and Dorothy Marguerite, June 18, 1914.

Bertha D. Shirk, married Albert Sidney Blosser, Oct. 21, 1896. Mr. Blosser was born in Ia., Oct. 8, 1870. They were the parents of Albert Blosser, born in Ia., Oct. 2, 1898. His mother died Dec. 20, 1898. Albert, the father of above orphan, preceded the mother in death, dying April 16, 1898.

Charlie Sampson Shirk married Carrie Page. One son was born to them Nov. 1910, dying in infancy

Daniel Shirk, son of Benj. and Margaret Martin Shirk, married Jennie Hopkins in Ill., Nov. 7, 1877. She was born in Ill., March 21, 1855. No issue.

George Vale Shirk, married Catherine Mitchell, April 11, 1872. She was born in Pa., Jan. 2, 1852. They were the parents of six children, all born in Pa.: Margaret Dora, May 11, 1873; John Wilber, Feb. 11, 1875, died Sept. 15, 1894, aged 19 years; Bertha Rachael, June 29, 1899; Nora Lillian, Nov. 28, 1879; Etta Marie, Sept. 28, 1884; Mary Maud, Dec. 18, 1886;, died Sept. 10, 1895; George Ewing, Dec. 1, 1894. George Vale, the father, died Dec. 5,

1907. The wife and mother died Feb. 24, 1910, both dying in Pa. Margaret Dora married James Lafayette Phillips, Jan. 25, 1890. Mr. Phillips was born in Pa., May 6, 1867. To them were born Jesse George, Oct. 20, 1891; Owen Floyd, July 6, 1893; Clarance, Sept. 20, 1896; Joseph Shirk, Aug. 5, 1899; Catherine Margaret, April 16, 1904; Mary Lillian, June 22, 1907; Cora Elizabeth, Oct. 9, 1911.

Owen Floyd Phillips married Stanza Phillips Dec. 28, 1912. Stanza, his wife, was born June 17, 1894. To them was born one child, Bertis Lee, June 23, 1914.

Bertha Rachael Shirk married Walter F. Jewell, a native of Pa. They were married June 6, 1903. No issue.

Nora Lillian Shirk married Oct 15, 1903, to Albert Addleman.

Etta Marie Shirk married May 11, 1913, to Clarence Edgar.

Mary Maud Shirk died, as stated before, Sept. 10, 1895.

George Ewing Shirk, the youngest of the family, not married.

Joseph Shirk, next in line of birth of the family of Benjamin and Margaret Shirk has thus far remained a bachelor.

Amos Shirk, the youngest of Benjamin's first marriage children, married Lyda Fulton, Oct 12, 1882. She was born in Pa., Nov. 21, 1863. Their

family consisted of five children: Mary Margaret, born Aug. 5, 1883; AlonzoW., May 29, 1887; William Russell, Nov. 16, 1892, died in infancy; Lottie Desoela, Jan. 22, 1897; Metta Florence, April 9, 1900.

Alonzo Warren Shirk married Ola McVey Nov. 12, 1913. Charles T. Shirk, the eldest of the second marriage's children of Benjamin and Elizabeth Ullum Shirk, is yet a bachelor; Margaret Shirk, next in line of birth of the second marriage, married Jacob Johns, a native of Pennsylvania, Oct. 9, 1890. They are the parents of one child, Mary Johns, born in Penna., July 10, 1892.

Benjamin Shirk, third in line of birth and the youngest child of Bejamin and Elizabeth Ullum Shirk, married Emma Zook, Sept. 17, 1891. She was born July 28, 1870. To this union were born six children, as follows: Evie Sarah, April 29, 1892; Margaret Louella, Sept. 15, 1893; Russel Earl, Aug. 30, 1895; Ewing J., Nov. 21, 1897; Hazel Marie, Feb. 7, 1901; Helen Elizabeth, Feb. 4, 1904; died April 1905.

The above family were all born in Pa., where they still remain.

Michael Shirk, the second son born to Michael and Barbara Allabaugh Shirk, united in marriage to Eliza Ravenscroft of Coshacton Co., Ohio, July 2, 1843. His wife was born March 18, 1821. They moved from Ohio to Vanorin, Bureau Co., Ill., in

1851 and settled in Lamville Twp., where he became an extensive farmer and stock-raiser on his farm of 232 acres. To this union were born: Geo. Washington, June 30, 1840; Mary E., Dec. 21, 1846; died Jan. 18, 1849. Hannah, born June 27, 1850, died in infancy; Franklin P., Nov. 23, 1852; Avery Nov. 24, 1858.

George Washington Shirk, the first-born to Michael and Eliza Ravenscroft Shirk, married Sarah E. Cannon of Ill., Feb. 11, 1864. His wife was born in 1843. To their marriage were born Elmer Marson, April 13, 1866; Will C., Aug., 23, 1868; Sarah E., the wife and mother of those two children died in Ill., Aug. 10, 1875.

Daniel Shirk, a son of Michael and Barbara Allabaugh Shirk, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., Aug. 9, 1821, when quite young, with his parents, came to Cumberland Co., Pa., where they lived five years, then moved to Coshocton Co., Ohio., where he spent his early life on a farm, in 1851, he came to Illinois and in 1876 to Oxford, Ia., where he became the owner of a fine farm containing 200 acres. He was married in Washington Co., Pa., Dec. 21, 1848, to Maria Hughes Mullen, a native of the same county. She was born at Amity, Washington Co., Pa., Sept. 6, 1830. They brought into this world by this union, eight children: James M., John F., Martha A., Sealy B., Mary E., Geo. W., William H., and Lucy E. Mr. and Mrs. Shirk were members of the M. E. Church at Oxford, Johnson Co., Ia.

Their children united in marriage as follows: James M. Shirk, born in Washington Co., Pa., Aug. 7, 1850; united in marriage to Laura Yenter of the State of Iowa, which occurred in Iowa Feb. 18, 1880. To this union were born Carl Albert in Iowa, Jan. 5, 1881; died in Utah, March 26, 1900; Mabel Z. Shirk, born in Ia., April 16, 1886; In Utah, Jan. 7, 1906, she married Israel Smith Larkin. To them are born John Paul, 1906; Ivan Smith, 1908; Herman James, 1911, and one more son in 1914, were all born in the state of Utah, where they reside.

Israel Smith Larkin

Clarence James Shirk, born in Iowa, Sept. 18, 1883; married March 10, 1906 to Margaret Richards. To them are born Carl, Jan. 10, 1907; Myrtle, July 24, 1908. Both being born in Utah.

Ralph Ernest Shirk, born in Ia., Feb. 23, 1888; married on April 8, 1913 to Clathilda etzche, in California.

George Irving Shirk, born in Utah, Jan. 27, 1890; married in Cal., March 7, 1911, to Mary Catherine Cazel. They are the parents of Raymond, born Sept. 15, 1912, and Myrtle Catherine, March 7, 1914.

Truman Winthrop Shirk was born in Utah, May 2, 1892; died in Utah, March 31, 1900, aged eight years.

Infant born July 11, 1882, died in infancy.

Martha A. Shirk, daughter of Daniel and Maria Mullen Shirk was born in Coshocton Co., Ohio, March 13, 1855. Came with her parents to Oxford, Ia., and Dec. 21, 1875, married to Edgar Isaac Heif-

ner, a native of Iowa, born April 25, 1855; died Feb. 12, 1904 in Minn. To their union were born two children: George E. and Eldorado Rose. George E. was born in Iowa March 25, 1882; married April 23, 1900, in Minn., to Bertha Margaret Rossing. Eldorado Rose was born in Ia., Jan. 15, 1887; died Jan. 21, 1892; John F. Shirk was born in Coshocton Co., Ohio, Feb. 2, 1853. With his parents came west. Later went to Utah, where he married in Dec. 16, 1891 to Kate Dulin. He died in Ogden, Utah, Oct. 27, 1913, aged 60 years, eight months and 25 days.

Sealy B. Shirk, son of Daniel and Marie Mullen Shirk was born at Arlington, Ill., Apr. 18, 1858; married Minnie Slagle in Iowa July 2, 1884. She was born Dec. 12, 1864. To them were born seven children: Orlando F., July 27, 1885; Edith R., March 12, 1887; Daniel S., May 20, 1890; Edwin B., Dec. 14, 1892; McKinley H., March 22, 1899; Katie Fay, April 1899, and Hazel Fern, Sept. 9, 1901; Daniel S., died Oct. 8, 1895.

Mary E. Shirk, born Arlington, Ill., July 20, 1861; married John Quinn, Nov. 23, 1890.

George W. Shirk, born Arlington, Ill., Aug. 23, 1864; united in marriage to Maud Hart, Dec. 26, 1900. They reside in Columbus, Ohio.

William H. Shirk, born Arlington, Ill., March 5, 1867. He thus far has remained a bachelor.

Lucy E. Shirk, born Arlington, Ill., March 30,

1870; married John J. Lerch, April 16, 1890 in Ia. Mr. Lerch was born in Ill., Feb. 1, 1869. They now reside at 949 Libby St., Toledo, Ohio. Their children are two daughters: Vienna, born Feb. 14, 1896; Vernie, June 11, 1898.

Jessie B. Shirk, born Arlington, Ill., July 27, 1874; died Aug. 18, 1878. Daniel and his wife, in their old age, took up their abode with their youngest daughter, Mrs. John J. Lerch, in Toledo, Ohio, where they both died. Mrs. Shirk died Dec. 27, 1908, aged 78 years, three months and 21 days. Mr. Shirk died April 15, 1910, aged 89 years, eight months and seven days.

Their bodies were taken to Oxford, Ia., for burial.

Catherine Shirk, a daughter of Michael and Barbara Shirk, was born in Lancaster Co., P., Oct. 27, 1823; died in Ill., July 1898. She was married in Coshocton Co., Ohio, Jan. 13, 1844, to John Brown, a native of Ohio, he being born Dec. 23, 1821; died in Ia., Oct. 1900. They were the parents of one son and four daughters: Joel, born Jan. 14, 1845; Elizabeth, Dec., 27, 1846; Eliza, May 10, 1850: Hattie, Oct. 27, 1853; Leah, Nov. 24, 1857. Joel Brown married on Oct. 1, 1868 to Amanda Dunbar. She was born Sept. 21, 1850; died in Ill., Feb. 5, 1877. To them were born four daughters: Elizabeth, Dec. 25, 1869, in Ill.; died March 17, 1888, aged 19 years. Myrtle Viola, born Jan. 26, 1872; Caroline Columbia, Aug. 20, 1873; Hattie Eliza, Feb. 8, 1876. Myr-

Brown.

tle Viola Brown married on Dec. 5, 1907, in Ill., to Nels Engdel, he being born Dec. 13, 1871. No children.

Caroline Columbia Brown, married in Ill., Dec. 22, 1892, to John Fletcher Hamilton, a native of Ohio, born Dec. 6, 1870. To them were born three sons: Thomas Clifford, April 1, 1894; Glen Brown, Dec. 27, 1895; Jesse, Aug. 18, 1897. The wife and mother died April 21, 1903.

Hattie Eliza Brown married March 12, 1902, to Otto J. Heinman, a native of Ill., born Feb. 16, 1862. One child, Grace Marie, was born, Oct. 29, 1906.

Joel Brown married his second wife, Anna Clark, May 25, 1880. Anna, his second wife, was born in Ohio, July 31, 1853. To them were born four children, two sons and two daughters:

Dollie Amanda Brown was born March 27, 1882. She was married on June 27, 1912, to Earl C. Browell, of Ill., he was born March 16, 1884.

J. Frank Brown was born in Ill., Oct. 26, 1883.

John J. Brown was born in Ill., March 23, 1887; married Dec. 2, 1911, to Rachel Henrietta Moore. She was born Nov. 27, 1885. Ada Grace Brown, born in Ill., March 29, 1889. The father Joel Brown, departed this life Feb. 16, 1893, aged 48 years.

Elizabeth Brown married on Aug. 23, 1856, in Ohio, to Samuel Fletcher Boyd. He was born Aug.

12, 1845. To this marriage were born seven children: Carrie Delphens, Hattie Theresa, Seldon E., Pearl Catherine., Clyde Brown., Baby dying in infancy and Albert Wayne.

Carrie Delphens Boyd, born in Ohio, Oct. 17, 1867; married Sept. 14, 1892, to C. W. Eichhorn. He was born Oct. 14, 1864. To this marriage were born five children: Charley Boyd, Aug. 3, 1893; Clara Elizabeth, Aug. 11, 1895; Clyde Russel, April 13, 1899; Freddie Fletcher, Feb. 18, 1901; Hazel Lucille, June 8, 1903. They are at present residing in Iowa.

Hattie Theresa Boyd, born in Ohio Nov. 19, 1871; married April 29, 1892, to Levi Brown, also a native of Ohio. He was born April 25, 1854. To this union were born Mae Lavina Brown, Oct. 3, 1892; Hazle Lucille, April 25, 1894; Stacy McKinley, August 5, 1896; Jesse Frease, May 11, 1898; Marie Pearl, Oct. 13, 1901.

Hazel Lucille Brown married June 25, 1914. Judson E. Barress, born April 1, 1893.

Seldon E. Boyd, born in Ohio, Feb. 2 ,1873; took for his wife, Etta L. Karman, Feb. 15, 1893. His wife was born Oct. 6, 1872; died Dec. 26, 1913, in Iowa. To their marriage were born: Clarence Boyd, Nov. 17, 1894; Nina Forest, Dec. 8, 1897; died. Alta May, May 15, 1905. Opha Samuel, Jan. 6, 1907.

Pearl Catherine Boyd, born in Ohio, April 1, 1878 is the wife of Lee R. Boyd. They were mar-

ried Aug. 8, 1906. He was born Oct. 27, 1877, they being the parents of Lulu Marie, born Aug. 27, 1903 and Verle Leroy, born April 3, 1909. Clyde Brown Boyd, born in Ohio, May 6, 1882; married to Elizabeth Jacobs, March 13, 1907. Elizabeth, his wife, was born May 1, 1887. Three children were born unto them: Fay Lorraine, Feb. 17, 1908; Lawrence Dale, Sept. 19, 1909; Cecil Harold, March 5, 1911.

Albert Wayne Boyd, born June 17, 1887; married Aug. 8, 1906, in Ohio to Bertha Louisa Boyd. She was born April 17, 1887. They are the happy parents of one son, Donald Eugene, born July 11, 1910. The Boyds reside in Ohio.

Eliza Brown, the wife of David Powell, married March 1866. She died in Kansas, Dec. 1878. He died April 1, 1881. Two children were born to them: Alta and John Powell, born May 1, 1873; died March 3, 1876.

Alta married Homer Busby. They are the parents of two sons, Charles, born April 28, 1885 and Earl Busby, both married. Alta, the mother, dead.

Hattie Brown born in Ohio Oct. 27, 1853. Aug. 2, 1875, married George W. Smith, a native of Ohio, born March 31, 1849; died in Ia., May 16, 1910 Hattie, his wife, died May 20, 1912. They were the parents of Sankey J. Smith and Lottie T. Smith. Sankey J. Smith was born in Ia., Aug. 28, 1878; married March 19, 1902 to Ethel R. Betts. She was born April 19, 1882. To this union were born three

children: Virgil T., Jan. 29, 1905; Russell Wayne, Dec. 27, 1907; Helen Arline, Aug. 23, 1912.

Lottie T. Smith was born in Ia., March 2, 1882; married to Alva H. Smith, Jan. 1, 1902, He was born March 27, 1881.

Leah Brown born in Ohio, Nov. 24, 1857, Aug. 20, 1876; married Isaac Norman. Leah, the wife died May 24, 1914. They were the parents of six children: Joel M., born April 18, 1877; John Charles, Sept. 16, 1879; Lester Leroy, Jan. 25, 1883; Clarence G., Sept. 17, 1886; Earl H., July 14, 1889; Norman Remley, Aug. 1895.

Joel M. Norman married in Ia., to Winnie D. Smith, May 17, 1899. Winnie, the wife, being born Aug. 16, 1878. Their children are: Fletcher Norman, born Dec. 13, 1905; Mabel Catherine, Aug. 2, 1907; Lester Leroy Norman died in infancy; Howard B. Norman died at the age of nine years in 1893; Clarence G. Norman is unmarried and residing in Iowa.

Earl H. married March 1, 1914 to Mina Potter. She was born Feb. 27, 1893.

John Charles Norman married Oct. 14, 1909 to Josephine Douglas. Clarence G., born Sept. 17, 1886; Norwood Remley, born Aug. 1895.

John Shirk, the fifth child, and fourth son of Michael and Barbara Allabaugh Shirk, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., Aug. 10, 1825. He, with his

parents, came to Coshocton Co., Ohio, when quite young, where he attained his manhood amidst the scenery of a frontier life before any railroads extended farther west than Harrisburg, Pa. When stock of all kinds raised in the west had to be driven on foot to the Eastern Markets, Coshocton Co., Ohio, at that time and a long time after, had the reputation of breeding and transporting some of the finest cattle brought to the Eastern Markets. John Shirk on Nov. 15, 1848, united in marriage to Harriet Josephine Powell, of Adams Twp., Coshocton Co., Ohio. His wife was born Aug. 21, 1825. To this union were born seven children, four sons and three daughters: Washington Daniel, in Cochocton Co., Ohio, Nov. 7, 1849; Arthur Freeman, same place, Oct. 21, 18[illegible]; Nettie Jane Day, March 14, 1855; Catherine Louisa, April 1, 1860; died May 20, 1863; Lawrence O., Dec. 31, 1861; Alta Caroline, Jan. 26, 1866; Milton Grant, April 5, 1868. The wife and mother died in Iowa, Jan. 30, 1886. John married his second wife in Ohio, Dec. 5, 1892. His second wife died in Ohio, July 24, 1896; no children to second marriage. John Shirk is living with his son, Milton Grant Shirk, Shirkville, South Dakota. To him belongs the distinction of being the oldest Shirk living, of the generation compiled in this book, being at present in his 90th year. After his demise, that mantle is believed to drop on the author of this narrative (should he survive his cousin John). He being in his 83rd year.

The first in line of birth of John and Harriet J.

Powell Shirk's children, is Washington Daniel Shirk, who at the age of 17 years, in 1886 came from Ohio to Ill., in 1875, moved to Ia., where on June 1, 1882, he united in marriage to Fanny Virginia Moyer. Her native home being the Buckeye State, where she was born June 4, 1859; no issue. W. D. Shirk has the reputation and character of a substantial American citizen. He says he never swore an oath, never tasted whiskey or beer, does not know one card from another, has never acquired that noxious habit of using tobacco in any form and never danced. He has credited his sainted mother with instilling indelibly in his youthful mind those righteous and pure principles.

Arthur Freeman Shirk married in Iowa March 12, 1883 to Gertrude G. Young, who was born in Iowa, Sept. 19, 1861. They were blessed with the birth of two daughters: Lena May was born in Iowa, Jan. 1, 1886; Bonnie Day was born in Iowa, Oct. 23, 1888, and in South Dakota, June 28, 1911, married James B. Coleman, who was born Jan. 3, 1885.

Nettie Jane Day Shirk married in Iowa, Nov. 26. 1885, to Washington Ravenscroft. This union was blessed with the birth of five children: Wealthy Alta, was born in Utah, Sept. 3, 1886; married Ernest Anson House, in Nebr., March 4, 1914; Royal Morton, was born in Iowa, Jan. 23, 1888; married in Iowa May 15, 1911, to Adella Minerva Barnes, who was born March 16, 1891; Arthur Fay Ravens-

croft was born in Nebr., March 12, 1889; married in Nebr., May 1, 1913, to Blanche Rosenbury. They are the parents of one child, Thurl, born in Nebr. Feb. 7, 1914; Hazen Dean Ravenscroft, born in South Dakota, April 6, 1891; Faith Virginia Ravenscroft, born in South Dakota, Sept. 17, 1898. Lawrence O. Shirk married in Iowa Jan. 11, 1893, to Janette Nesmith Jones, who was born in Ohio, Oct. 4, 1864. They are the parents of the following children: Florence Harriet born May 12, 1895; Harlow Huntley, born in Nebr., April 3, 1896.

Alta Caroline Shirk, married in South Dakota, March 29, 1890, to Richard Rodda. To them were born Richard, March 1891; Arthur, March, 1898; Marvin, 1900.

Milton Grant Shirk united in marriage in South Dakota, Aug. 23, 1891, to Edna E. Weaver, who was born in Mo., Aug. 20, 1874. To this union were born four children: Glenn, in South Dakota, July 5, 1892; William Dean, in South Dakota, Sept. 26, 1893; died Oct. 6, 1895; W. Vernon, born Sept. 14, 1895; died July 20, 1896; Aubry Lathrop, born in South Dakota, May 8, 1899.

Joel Shirk, the youngest son of Michael and Barbara Allabaugh Shirk, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., Dec. 6, 1827, with the family of his father, came to Coshocton Co., Ohio, where on Sept. 23, 1849, he married to Eliza B. Williams, who was born in Ohio, Dec. 24, 1825. To them were born two children: Mary E., Sept. 12, 1850; Elias C.,

Oct. 13, 1853; died Oct. 31, 1856. Mary E. Shirk married Abram Smith in Ill., May 14, 1858, who died. Her second marriage occurred April 12, 1892, in Ill., to Herman Palmer.

Mrs. Joel Shirk died in Ill., July 2, 1899. Joel Shirk died in New York, Aug. 20, 1903, aged 76 years.

Elizabeth Shirk, the youngest child of Michael and Barbara Allabaugh Shirk, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., Nov. 25, 1869. Came, when a child, with her parents, to Coshocton Co., Ohio, where on Aug. 15, 1849, she united in marriage to James Williams, a native of Ohio. This marriage brought them six children: Henry, born Jan. 24, 1850; Eliza, born in Ohio, March 8, 1852; William, born in Ohio, July 8, 1854; Washington Williams, born Nov. 8, 1857; died Feb. 5, 1861; James Williams, born Jan. 13, 1861; died July 22, 1880; Charles Williams, born Feb. 28, 1864; died Aug. 22, 1879.

Henry Williams married in Ill., Aug. 9, 1874 to Mary A. Long, who was born Feb. 5, 1854. To them were born: Hattie, May 24, 1875, married Charles G. Beatty, Aug. 28, 1895, who was born Aug. 7, 1869; died Feb. 20, 1905. To them was born Gilman Beatty, Oct. 20, 1897.

Williams

James F. Williams, born May 23, 1880; married Dec. 30, 1908 to Nettie C. Pope, who was born Feb. 6, 1881; Florence R. Williams, born Jan. 7, 1882; married Dec. 9, 1903 to Earl W. Haas, who was

born Aug. 26, 1881. To them were born Emmerson, Feb. 9, 1908; Wilbur W. March 7, 1909; Clarence H., Oct. 11, 1912, all born in Ill. Vernie Williams was born April 3, 1885.

Eliza Shirk Williams married in Ill., March 19, 1871, to Watson Hoge Chandler, who was born in Ohio, Oct. 29, 1847. To them were born five children: Elizabeth, in Ill., Jan. 25, 1872; Emma Jane, in Ill., June 20, 1873; Alice May, Sept. 24, 1877; Grace Estella, Aug. 11, 1879; Jessie B., Dec. 7, 1882; died July 14, 1884.

Clara Elizabeth Chandler married, in Ill., Dec. 27, 1892, to Adelbert Lyman Woodham, who was born March 21, 1870. Their children are, Jessie Ramona, Oct. 27, 1893; Adelbert Chandler, March 25, 1895; Helen Jane, June 11, 1897; Horace Godfrey, Dec. 26, 1900; Grace Elizabeth, April 5, 1904; Wendell Smith, Dec. 19, 1905; Dorothy Ada, Feb. 4, 1909; Donald Burdette, March 18, 1911; Philip Lyman, Aug. 11, 1913.

Emma Jane Chandler married in Ill., Sept. 18, 1901, to Charles Auton Dollinger, who was born March 1, 1872. Their children are John Watson, born Aug. 20, 1902; died in infancy; Charles Frederick, born Oct. 7, 1904.

Alice May Chandler married in Ill., Sept. 14, 1900, to Rev. Clarence W. Pickney, who was born Nov. 11, 1874. Their children are Evelyn Elizabeth, born Aug. 13, 1902, in Ill.; William, born in Wis.,

Feb. 24, 1904; James, born in Wis., Oct. 30, 1910; died in infancy; Paul Swithin, born in Wis., May. 29, 1912.

William Williams married in Ohio, Nov. 7, 1877, to Sarah Crossman, who was born July 3, 1854. Their family consisted of Harry C., born in Ill., Oct. 9, 1878; Charles W., born Nov. 6, 1882; Mark, born Oct. 3, 1884; William Glen, born July 14, 1895.

Harry C. Williams married in Ill., Sept. 18, 1905 to Elmira Boyd. One child was born to them, Elma Boyd Williams, June 3, 1906. Elmira, the wife and mother, died June, 1906.

Charles W. Williams married Ada B. Morton, Nov. 1901, who was born Aug. 22, 1886. To them was born one child, Gail William, Jan. 11, 1903.

Mark Williams married in Ill., April 8, 1908 to Luceba Stauffer, who was born Nov. 4, 1890. To them were born three children: Frances, born Nov. 30, 1908; William G., Dec. 22, 1910; Donald, April 8, 1914. William Williams died in Ill., Jan. 29, 1911.

This concludes the descendants of the Michael and Barbara Allabaugh Shirk, branch of this Geneology.

Joel Shirk the youngest son of Michael and Barbara Flickinger Shirk, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., Feb. 3, 1805, where he grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Reinhold. She was born Oct. 20, 1811. To this union were born eleven children, as

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follows: Ann R., born Sept. 12, 1832; John R., born Jan. 26, 1834; Michael R., born Dec. 29, 1835; Henry R., Feb. 20, 1842; Levi R., Nov. 20, 1844; Sarah R., April 11, 1847; Evan R., July 24, 1848; Adam R., March 2, 1852; Ruben R., Dec. 8, 1853, and two girls, Susan and Elizabeth, who died in infancy, also Levi died before the family left Pa. The removal of the family to near Dayton, Ohio, occurred in 1865, where they followed farming four years. In 1869, moved to Noble Co., Ind., where Mr. Shirk bought a fine farm consisting of 160 acres, located one and one-half miles north-east of Albion, where they remained until death. Joel died Sept. 4, 1891, arriving at the great age of 86 years. Elizabeth, his wife followed him to their eternal home, six years later, April 13, 1897, also arriving at the age of 86 years. Joel's sister, Aunt Betzy, who was born in 1799, had her home with them, and was always one of the family to help in rearing the children. She was never married, died in 1881, aged 83 years. Their bodies are laid away side by side in the Union Cemetery, Noble Co., Ind. They were members of the New Mennonite Church. Anna Shirk, the first born of Joel and Elizabeth Shirk's children, was married to John Kurtz, a native of Lancaster Co. Pa. They are the parents of one child, a daughter.

John R. Shirk, second child and first son in line of birth, to Joel and Elizabeth Shirk, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., Jan. 26, 1834, where he grew to manhood, receiving an ample education in common schools of those days, to start in as clerk in a

general store in Schoeneck, where he was employed a number of years, when he married Miss Annie Lizzie Fry, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Fry. Mrs. Shirk was also born and reared in Lancaster Co., Pa. Her birth was on Dec. 19, 1835; died March 28, 1910. In April 1865, they left Schoeneck, Pa., and moved to Osborn, Ohio, where they resided four years when they moved to near Albion, Noble Co., Ind., and in 1886, took up their abode near South Bend, on a large farm, owned by Alexis Coquillard, where they later moved into the city, engaging in the grocery business. After the death of his wife, made his home with his son William, at Rose Lawn, where the first Shirk reunion was held Aug. 3, 1913, John R. Shirk, having instituted the event, and is to be continued annually on the first Sunday in Aug. In 1914, was held Aug. 2, at Island Park, South Bend, Ind. To this union were born seven children, as follows: ElamF., born July 31, 1858; Elmer E., Aug. 24, 1861; Annie, Nov. 27, 1863; Menno F., Nov. 20, 1865; Lizzie, Jan. 13, 1868; John F., Nov. 12, 1872; William F., Feb. 4, 1876.

Elam F. Shirk married Nora Stuckey of South Bend, Ind. They were the parents of one daughter, Emma F. She died, aged two years. Mrs. Shirk died. Elam engaged in clerking in Irving A. Sibley's hardware store, South Bend, until Mr. Slbley's death, when he with his brother William engaged in the pursuit of farming, and are at present located on a farm containing 160 acres, eight miles south-

east of Mishawaka, Ind., their father living with them.

Elmer E. Shirk, second son in line of birth of John R. and Lizzie Shirk's family, married Metea Gillespie of Albion, Ind. Their children are: Edwin Earl, deceased; Grace Lingard; Russell and Lewis.

Annie Shirk married David Cripe, a farmer. To their union were born Ruth D.; Carl D., and Paul. Mr. Cripe, being the owner of a fine little farm at Rose Lawn, Ind., where they reside.

Menno F. Shirk married Elva Bucher. Their children are Vista and Evart. His occupation is dealing in milk in South Bend, Ind.

Lizzie Shirk married Andrew Love, a carpenter. They are the parents of Alma and Howard.

John F. Shirk maried Clara M. Beasecker. To them are born Madaline V. and Horace J. B. Mr. Shirk is a clerk in the South Bend Post Office. William F. Shirk married Mary Thompson. He is engaged in farming.

Michael Shirk, the second son and third child in line of birth of the family of Joel and Elizabeth Shirk, married Elizabeth Dinger in Reading, Pa., Jan. 15, 1863. To their union were born six sons and two daughters: Ida, born in Lancaster Co., Pa., July 25, 1864; married to Albert Hines in 1886; died Sept. 30, 1889. Two children were born to them: Homer, Sept. 17, 1886, and Ida Sept. 29, 1889.

Reinhold

all children of Joel & Elizabeth Reinhold

Ira Shirk was born in Clark Co., Ohio, Oct. 4, 1866; married Joe Harrison Dec. 22, 1889. Two children, Fred, born Jan. 21, 1892, and Bernice, born Feb. 26, 1899.

Eli Shirk was born in Green Co., Ohio, Nov. 27, 1868, residing at 1217 Rush St., South Bend, employed at Rubber Works, Mishawaka, Ind.

Noah Shirk, born in Albion, Noble Co., Ind., Aug. 12, 1870, married Maud Calloway at South Bend, Oct. 27, 1897. Seven children were born to them at South Bend: A son born Aug. 15, 1898; died in infancy; a son born April 17, 1900, died; Gladys, born June 22, 1902; Dorothy, born July 8, 1904; Lucille, born Nov. 29, 1906; Irma, born Jan. 24, 1909; Ruth, born Aug. 3, 1910. Noah Shirk is the foreman of the Automobile Body Works at Studebakers, South Bend, Ind.

Eby Shirk was born in Noble Co., Ind., May 9, 1874; died June 27, 1877.

Ada Shirk, born in Noble Co., Ind., Feb. 15, 1878, lives in South Bend, Ind.

Ora Shirk was born in Noble Co., Ind., May 14, 1879; married Louisa Geltenbort, of LaPorte, Ind., June 12, 1902. Two children were born: Marie, at South Bend, Sept. 3, 1903; Mardell, Oct. 1, 1907. Ora Shirk is a trimmer in the automobile works at Detroit, Mich., where they reside.

Lee Shirk was born in Noble Co., Ind., Jan. 25,

1883; married Leone Humberger of South Bend, Ind., April 3, 1906; one son being born to them, Lyle, April 6, 1912. Lee is employed in South Bend, as a striper of vehicles.

Michael Shirk, the father of this family, was killed in an elevator accident at Studebakers, July 17, 1905. The widow survives at the age of 79 years (1914). Start next

Henry R. Shirk, the third son and fourth child of Joel and Elizabeth Reinhold Shirk, born in Lancaster Co. Pa., Feb. 20, 1842, came with his parents to Indiana, 1869. His first wife bore the maiden name of Catherine Shaffer. To them was born one child, Annie. She married Mr. Leets, a farmer by occupation, living at Hascalls, Ind. They are the parents of five children: Lillian, Bertha, Louis, Howard and Ruth.

Henry, after the death of his first wife, married Fannie Zimmerman. They were the parents of three sons: Joel B., born 1881; married Katie Loshbaugh, deceased. They were the parents of Henry, a fireman at South Bend, Ind., and Mary Shirk.

Harry R. Shirk, born March 20 1882 is a clerk in Cleveland, Ohio.

John Mohler Shirk, born Nov. 28, 1884; married Lou Burger, daughter of William and Annie Clayton Burger, of South Bend, Ind. To this union were born Forest and Merlin. John M. is employed as foreman Studebaker Corp., and resides at 1510 Witwer Ave.

Henry & Fannie Zimmerman

Henry R. Shirk, the father of the above named family, being a good mechanic in the line of manufacturing coaches and buggies moved from Albion, Noble Co., Ind., Oct. 1882, to South Bend, Ind., where he departed this life 1911.

Sarah R. Shirk, a daughter of Joel and Elizabeth Reinhold Shirk, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., April 11, 1847; came to Noble Co., Ind., with her parents in 1869, where she united in marriage to William W. Carey, he being born in Jefferson Twp., Noble Co., Ind. Mr. Carey was reared on a farm, when later he learned the carpenter trade and has continued this vocation since. At the age of 23 years Sept. 11, 1870, Mr. Carey married as stated above Miss Sarah Shirk. This family since marriage, have taken up their abode in Albion, the county seat of Noble Co., Ind., where they are nicely and happily located amidst the scenes of their young days; they have no children to make this life a happy one, nor mar this life with grief and sorrows.

Ruben R. Shirk, the youngest son of Joel and Elizabeth Reinhold Shirk, born in Lancaster Co., Pa., Dec. 8, 1853, arriving with his parents near Albion, Ind.. in 1869 married Miss Ella Black. On Nov. 1902, moved to South Bend, Ind., and is now residing on a handsome small farm wihin one-half mile of the city limits on what is called the Turkey Creek road. The family of their children are: Joel

P. Shirk, born Dec. 17 1883 living in Chicago, employed as an office clerk; Charles C., born Nov. 30, 1889; Lutie E., born Sept. 26 1891; R. Robert, born Jan. 7, 1894; Shirley C., born Dec. 6, 1895; Dallas A., born March 5, 1898; the last named five children are all living with their parents at home.

The second annual Shirk Reunon has been appointed to be held Aug. 2, 1914 at the above place, when a full attendance of the members are cordially invited.

These are the Descendants of the Shirk Brothers Whom we cannot Trace, or Connect with the Original Ancestors

Elbert Hamilton Shirk, of Peru, Ind., was born in Franklin Co., Ind., Feb. 14, 1818. He was the second son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Stout) Shirk, natives of Ohio and Kentucky respectively. He attended the public schools and remained on his father's farm until he rrived at the age of 21 years. He then studied two years in the Miama University at Oxford, Ohio. Taught the two succeeding years in the County Seminary at Rushville, Ind. In May, 1844, settled in Peru. There, for the next eleven years he was engaged as a merchant first in partnership with Mr. Harlan and afterwards alone. In 1855, engaged in dealing in Western lands, and has largely since operated in real estate. In 1857, established a private banking business. In 1860 he again engaged in mercantile persuits. In 1867, the firm of Kilgore and Shirk was formed and later it was changed to Kilgore, Shirk & Co., when they carried on a very extensive business. When the First National Bank, of Peru, was chartered in 1854, Mr. Shirk became its President. Mr. Shirk united in marriage June 18, 1845 to Mary Wright of Frank-

lin Co., Ind. To this union were born four children: Milton, Elbert W., and Alice, wife of Mr. Edwards.

Samuel Alexander Shirk, born May 4, 1832 in Juniata Co., Pa. He was a son of Peter and Ann (Shellinger) Shirk, their residence is in Woodford Co., Ill.

Benjamin Palmer Shirk, born Sept. 15, 1864, residing in Bureau Co., Ill.

Revilo Hayes Shirk, born Dec. 25, 1876, resides in Minonk, Ill.

Sarah Elma Shirk married Shadrack Rickerson Barkly who was born Nov. 10, 1862. They reside in Hartford, Tulare Co., Cal. They have two children: Jesse M. born Jan. 23, 1886; Noretta Irene, born Sept. 27, 1888, in Hartford, Cal.

Jacob S. Shirk, general merchant Grantville, Pa. He was born in East Hanover Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa., June 30 1844, son of Michael and Elzabeth (Swope) Shirk. The father was born in the same twp., and county, and resided there until 1845, where he was also engaged in the mercantile business. He then removed his business to Dauphin Co., Pa., where he continued until death, which occurred Dec. 1857, Jacob S. his son, taking charge of he store after his father's death. Jacob S. married Emma Early. Their children are Marie; Ellen; died Nov. 18, 1889; Edward M.; Robert E., and Emma L. Mr. Shirk has served as auditor tax collector, and assessor in his county.

Adam B. Shirk, who was the owner in early times of the Caledonia grain elevator, and a pioneer of Kent Co., Mich. He was born in Waterloo Co., Province of Ontario, Canada, Feb. 21, 1826. His parents, Samuel and Magdalena (Brake) Shirk, natives of Franklin Co., Pa., were born April 19, 1792 his wife Aprl 3, 1786. Adam B. Shirk married Feb. 18, 1850 to Elizabeth Stauffer ,also a native of Canada.

Solomon S. Shirk was born in Walker, Juniata Co, Pa., July 31, 1843 is a son of James and Elizabeth Shirk.

David, his grandfather, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., and removed to Juniata Co. Later to Bedford Co., where he died. He had been married o Mary Love, and they had ten children: James, John, David, Barbara, Joseph Samuel, Michael, Christopher, Levi and Henry.

Some of those Shirk's which cannot be connected in this Genealogy are undoubtedly descendents of the Swiss brothers who arrived here in this country in 1729, and first settled in Lancaster Co., Pa. They all invariably claim Lancaster Co. their first home in this country.

Henry Shirk of Portland Oregon Adam Shirk, Jr., of Oakland, Cal., and Henry Shirk of Pasadena, Cal., are all descendents of the Pa. Shirks.

Jacob Shirk was the son of a prominent farmer near Churchtown, Lancaster Co., Pa., who also serv-

ed as County Commissioner of Lancaster Co. He was a Federalist politically, and religiously was a member of the Reformed Church. He was born in 1764 and died in 1844, aged 80 years. We have not been able to get the name of this father, but he was the parent of five sons and two daughters of whom our subject Jacob was the youngest. The others were Amelia, Maggie Henry, William, David and Mathias.

Jacob learned the tanner trade, and for a number of years operated a tannery at Hahnstown, Lancaster Co. Later he moved to Earl Twp., and soon after to Churchtown, where he was born. Here he lived for several years, later taking up farming near Beartown. Later he was for a time a resident of Mt. Joy Pa., spending the last days of his life in Lancaster City, dying at the home of his son, H. S. Shirk at the age of 85 years. His wife was a Miss Hannah Waddel ,and to their union were born eight children as follows: Henry S.; Sarah, born April 24, 1829; Perina A., born March 8, 1831; Mary A., born March 28, 1833; Martha, born April 16, 1836; William A., born Oct. 3, 1839; two died in infancy, George and Jacob Hahn.

H. S. Shirk was born Feb. 20, 1826, in New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa. He attended the common schools and those at Churchtown, until he was 15 years of age, the next two years clerking for merchants at various places and then went in business with a Mr. Masterson at Mt. Joy. Here he remain-

ed eight years, then going to Millersville engaging in the cigar business. Mr. Shirk then went to Lancaster and in partnership with his brother-in-law, J. G. Peters, bought the Conestoga cotton mills afterward erecting what is now known as the Stevens cotton mill. After operating this mill five years he bought out his brother-in-law and took into partnership his two sons, Jacob and Abram. Besides these two sons there were three daughters, Laura wife of John Martin, Alice wife of Samuel Bausman and Anna, who died when young. The mother's maiden name was Mary A. Peters. Mr. Shirk is a member of the Reformed Church, and lodge No. 43 Masonic order.

Sarah Shirk married Isaac Stirk of Lancaster, Pa. Pa.

Perina A. married Edward D. Robison of Churchown, Pa.

Mary A. married Abram Kulp of Mt. Joy, Pa.

Martha Shirk married Martin Stirk, who died, and she afterward marred Albert Bissell and are now living in Oregon, Ill.

William A. Shirk born near Churchtown, Pa., and lived at home until thirteen years old when he clerked in his brothers store at Mt. Joy, Pa. He afterwards clerked in a general store at Huntington, Pa., and the W. E. Foster dry goods store in Harrisburg, Pa. He left here at the age of 20, and went to Iowa and has been a resident of that state ever

since. In Sept. 1861, he enlisted as private for service in the Civil war and was discharged July 1865, as Capt. of Com. E. 13th Iowa Infantry. After the war he lived in Davenport, Ia., and was engaged in the meat business for about ten years. Afterward, turning his attention to farming. He sold his farm in 1900 and is now living retired at LeClaire, Ia. He has been twice married. His first wife being Elizabeth Martin who died in 1905. His second wife is Marie Elnora Armstrong. Mr. Shirk has three sons: Edward M.; Harry J., who resides in Canada, and William R., who is in he employ of the U. S. Mail Service and lives in Chicago, Ill. Mr. Shirk is now 75 years old, and is the only one of this history enjoying the title of Capt.

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